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Community members honored by RCDC

by Valerie Tibbett
OF MGW STAFF

On Thursday, October 25, the River City Democratic Club held its Seventh Annual Lambda Awards Dinner at the Sacramento Community Center. These awards are presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to the gay and lesbian community.

The Rainbow flag took its place of honor standing next to the California State flag and the American flag while Dennis Mangers and Steve Winlock led approximately 300 dinner guests in singing the National Anthem. Marghe Covino, as master of ceremonies, introduced the evening's distinguished guests. Karl Greene, president of RCDC discussed the group's accomplishments over the past year, including the recent formation of the Speakers Bureau which has already provided presentations for some local law enforcement groups. Comedienne, Maureen Brownsey provided the humorous highlights of the evening.

Community leader/activist Stan Hadden delivered the evening's keynote address and emphasized the need for the community to participate actively in helping the cause of the Democratic Party, in general, as well as participating in lesbian and gay Democratic Party events. He focused some of his comments on the upcoming elections, pointing out that it is imperative that we vote and do whatever we can to ensure that a Democratic governor is elected so that she can work with our Democratic legislature. He believes that we must defeat the term limits initiatives (Propositions 131 and 140). He pointed out that Pete Wilson's campaign people are now saying that Wilson has not taken a stand on AB 2 (the Gay and Lesbian Equal Rights bill which was vetoed again this year by Governor Deukmejian).

Stan also addressed the need for community organization in the 90s to include reaching out to, learning from and forming coalitions with other groups (including the elderly, minorities and women) who have concerns similar to our own. We need to raise money for Democratic candidates as well as for AIDS, The Sacramento AIDS Foundation and CARES. In closing, Stan pointed out that we are innovators, caretakers, risktakers. We deserve to be recognized as people who have fluorished in spite of incredible odds, and we need to be actively involved in the political process.

This year's 1990 Lambda Awards Honorees were: Gary Miller, founder of RCDC; Linda Birner, publisher of *MGW Newspaper*; Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, psychiatrist, active with SAF and Hand to Hand Project; and Norm Frohwein, founder of the Sacramento Athletic Games Association -- Team Sacramento.

The following individuals' names were added to the Community Service Honor Roll for their substantial contributions to the lesbian and gay community: The Court of the Great Northern Imperial Empire; Wayne Wilson from the *Sacramento Bee*; Arturo Jackson, editor of *Positive Social Support Newsdigest*; Lee Nichols, professor at CSUS; Ron Robie, Sacramento Superior Court Judge; Bobbette, manager of The Mercantile Saloon; Sonya Cox, AIDS writer for *MGW Newspaper*; Willis Bennett and Robert Bequette, systems operators of Acropolis; Paul Davis, owner of the Town House; and Lady Garnet and Leonard Harris, owners of Princess Pets. The First Annual Stanley S. Hadden Community Leadership Award was presented by Stan to the Reverend Merrill Follansbee and Muriel Follansbee, founders of the Sacramento chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.▼

Mercantile manager Robert Hoyos receives his awards from Ed Condon. Photo by Pamela Coffey ▼

Honorees Merrill and Muriel Follansbee, Gary Miller, Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, Norm Frohwein, and Linda D. Birner. Photo by Pamela Coffey ▲

Vannah (Hal Griffith) received the award for CGNIE from Karl Greene and Ed Condon. Photo by Pamela Coffey ▼

Miller/Marlboro boycott employs toll free number

Up to the minute information about the Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarette boycott being waged by various ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) chapters and gay and lesbian organizations across the country can now be obtained by calling a toll free 800 number, according to boycott organizers.

The new number is 800-666-3308. Callers are then directed to a "menu" of cities for even more information and materials about the boycotts, and instructed to leave a name and phone number for someone in the host city to return the call.

The 800 service was implemented by the boycott's organizers after it was determined that information about demonstrations and actions to heighten awareness in the various cities was crucial to maintaining interest on a national level. The system also ties together via direct telephone electronic voiceboxes various activist organizations and individuals involved in the boycotts. It has been dubbed the "VOICE" Project, which stands for Vigorously Organizing & Involving Coalitions Everywhere and represents state-of-the-art technology.

Cities represented on the 800 service include New York, San Francisco, Dallas, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, New Orleans, Austin, Seattle, Denver, Wichita, Chicago, Columbus and Houston. Other cities will be added next week, plus a press information and referral hotline will also be established through the same system.

Boycott organizers said the "666" exchange was specifically selected to ward off fundamentalists and right-wing extremists who may try to tie up the line since the 666 symbolizes the religious reference to the "Mark of the Beast." But because of new technology, the system is capable of handling hundreds of calls a minute.▼

CORRECTIONS

The credit on the Open Road photograph on page 16 of the November 1 issue should have been Pamela Coffey.

On page 8 of the November 1 issue, the ad featuring CAPPAC's forum should have read November 19.

MGW regrets the errors.▼

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Stockton church re-formed

Dear Editor:

The Metropolitan Community Church in Stockton has been re-formed and is beginning again as a New Work of our denomination. The new congregation has taken the name Delta Harvest Metropolitan Community Church.

It has been both a pleasure and a challenge for me to begin as the congregation's new pastor. Stockton area gay and lesbian Christians have suffered much, and have dedicated much of themselves in the effort to establish a stable ministry to our community in the past several years.

We will be having our First Annual San Joaquin Gay/Lesbian Community Awards Banquet on Friday, November 16. Heartsong, a gay contemporary men's trio, will also be appear in concert that evening. The concert is free, and begins at 7:30pm at First Unitarian Church.

The dinner is $3 for adults, and $1.50 for children under 12. We will be serving at 5:30pm, the awards will be presented at 7pm.

Our new AIDS/ARC/HIV+ Information & Support Group will also begin meeting in November.

I came to Stockton in August of this year from service as clergy at Golden Gate MCC of San Francisco. Prior to that, I served at MCC churches in Waterloo, Iowa and in Miami, Florida. I completed my BA degree at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton; I completed a Master of Divinity degree at Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley. My lover, Bill, works in Special Education with severely and profoundly handicapped children.

Finally, let me invite you to worship with us each Sunday. We meet at First Unitarian Church, Pacific Avenue & Bristol, at 6:30pm, each Sunday evening.

Rev. Kenneth C. Bland
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Stockton, 95208
209-473-7075

Adult bookstore customer?

Dear Editor:

Recently several of your subscribers have contacted my law office with reference to their arrest at Worldwide Bookstore (an adult video arcade) in West Sacramento. All of these arrests resulted from a type of "entrapment" by police officers whose behavior invited some sort of response in a sexually oriented place of business. There may be a specific policy of the authorities in West Sacramento oriented towards closing the adult video arcade. In any event your readers should be aware of the danger.

Samuel W. Murdoch

Gay rodeo promoted

Dear Editor:

My name is Randy Jacobs and I am the president of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association, Bay Area Chapter. The purpose of our organization is to promote interest and participation in rodeo within the lesbian and gay community.

The geographic boundaries of our chapter cover most of Northern California but up until recently our membership has been concentrated around the San Francisco Bay and Northern Coast areas. I know that there is great interest in rodeo within the Central Valley and I would like to make your readers in that area aware of the existence of our organization. The Bay Area Chapter is on the move in the coming years as we make plans to bring Gay Rodeo back to Northern California.

I would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining our association, or just learning more about us, to contact us at: G.S.G.R.A.-B.A.C., Box 14398, San Francisco, 94114, 415-863-4487.

It's not necessary to own a horse, or even know how to ride, to be a member of our association. All that is necessary is a willingness to be involved with a group of people that has a great time doing what we do. I look forward to hearing from members of your community soon.

Randy L. Jacobs
President, G.S.G.R.A.-B.A.C.

Do you attend Christ Unity Church?

Dear Editor:

I have been attending Christ Unity Church located at 1415 L Street. I had previously attended a Unity Church in Seattle which has a large gay and lesbian group which meets weekly at the church to provide fellowship, education, and worship for gay and lesbian members. I asked the minister of Christ Unity Church, Phillip Pierson, if a similar gay and lesbian group could be started here in Sacramento. He stated that he and the church leadership did not feel that such a group serves the highest purpose of the church nor the individual needs of gays and lesbians who attend the church. He also stated that he and the church leadership had "confirmed this with several participants of the church who are leaders in the gay and lesbian movement in our community." Are there any gays and lesbians out there who attend Christ Unity Church and would like to start a gay and lesbian group? If so, please let the leadership at the Christ Unity Church know.

David Gray

Censorship at Lambda Center?

(The following letter was sent to Jerry Sloan at the Lambda Community Center.)

Dear Jerry Sloan,

On 10/30/90 I was approached by a member of the Lambda Community Center youth group. This person asked how he could get a copy of my magazine *Fuck Men*. I told him that the Lambda Center ought to have one. "No," he replied. "They get rid of them." I asked why, he said "They don't like it, they don't know who puts it out." When I said I wondered who removed them, he said "Jerry."

In late May we received verbal permission from Tim and Neil to place our publication on the literature racks.

We would like to know if your position at the LCC gives you the authority to censor (by removal) literature displayed. We would like to know the criteria for such censorship. Why were the offending copies not returned to us? Our address is clearly printed in the magazine.

We are angry and discouraged that censorship is practiced at the LCC. We realize that our publication expresses ideas and opinions that run counter to mainstream gay rights ideology. We are disturbed and view this censoring as any attack against freedom of expression. We believe that your actions oppress us and potential readers of our magazine.

Tom Scut
Todd PC
TNT, 1008 10th St., #729,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Hiring HIV+

(The following letter was sent to Jerry Sloan at the Lambda Community Center.)

Dear Reverend Sloan:

It has come to our attention that during the screening process to hire a new executive director for the Lambda Community Fund, the Board of Directors deliberately failed to interview people who to their knowledge were HIV+. If these accusations are true, ACT UP finds this to be outrageous behavior coming from someone in your position as spokesperson for gay and lesbian rights. We are hereby requesting a meeting with yourself and at least one other board member. We are requesting this meeting in order to give you an opportunity to give us your side of this matter before we decide what actions if any will be taken by ACT UP.

Stephen Blakley
Facilitator
ACT UP/Sacramento

A whopper of a mistake!!

Dear Editor:

Even though a right wing boycott has never worked, Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLEAR TV) has pressured Burger King into renouncing TV shows that don't promote "traditional family values."

"Traditional family values" are not obvious values we all support like decency, honesty, and love of family. The values these right wing groups espouse, are based on homophobia, sexism, fear, and bigotry. Without fail, bias against gay men and lesbians is prominent in their belief system.

For Burger King to crumble at their threats and go on record endorsing anti-gay activism is a whopper of a mistake.

Lynn Shepodd
Executive Director
National Coming Out Day
Box 8349 Santa Fe, NM 87504

Apathy in our community: Do you care?

Dear Editor:

After reading an article in the San Francisco Sentinel, dated October 25, 1990, regarding gay bashing in the Castro, I must say that aside from outrage that this could happen in the "Gay Mecca of the World," I also felt very disappointed that the apathy I thought was unique to Sacramento is actually a trend spreading throughout our community, as evidenced by the fact that on a Saturday night right below the Cafe San Marcos balcony full of people two women can be gay bashed without anyone lifting a finger to help.

What has happened to the gay community of loving brothers and sisters united in pride? What happened to the demands that we be accepted and not ridiculed because of our sexual practices? What has happened to the pride that we celebrate at the many gay and lesbian festivals, fairs, and marches across the nation? Finally, can we truly have pride in the fact that we have stood by and watched as our own have been beaten, raped, and killed? Not to mention the hundreds of thousands we have watched die from AIDS due to the government's neglect and our own unwillingness to demand that something be done now.

It has been said many times before, but in this case it bears saying again, "United we stand, Divided we fall." The message we send to the world by letting these things happen is that it is acceptable to go and attack someone for no particular reason other than you don't agree with their race, politics, religion or sexual preference. Also, we are saying that we somehow deserve what is being inflicted upon us, that we (because of who we are) are not worthy of the rights that other people in society take for granted.

As a community we must stand together once again United in Pride and demand what is rightfully ours. And let the world know that we will not be treated as less than a person for any reason.

Stephen Blakley
Sacramento

ACT UP vs. *Sacramento Union*

Dear Editor:

On Sunday morning, September 23, 1990, ACT UP/Sacramento affixed stickers to the front of 100 *Union* newspaper racks. We did this to protest the *Union's* promotion of misinformation regarding people living with AIDS, women, people of color, and lesbians and gays.

Our intentions were also to inform the public that by buying the *Union*, they would be supporting this hatred and ignorance.

The following week, the *Union* ran several stories alleging we had destroyed parts or all of their newspaper racks, including

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MGW mascot delivers

MGW mascot schnauzer, Pica, delivered two lesbian puppies, and three gay puppies on October 30!! The pups are seven days old in these photos. Now this is real journalistic news!! Photos by Pamela Coffey

MGW EDITORIAL

Needy vs. Greedy... an encore

Now that the smoke and rhetoric from recent campaigns has cleared many of us feel like the survivors of a bombing -- picking our way through the wreckage, numbly trying to assess the damage which has been done.

At best campaigns are creatures of excess and intensity -- but somehow this election crystallized the absolute worst of the kind. The gross spending on television campaigns which did nothing to enhance candidates, the mean-spirited manipulation of both the issues and the voters, the awful length of the ballot itself -- were the stuff of shame in a system on awry.

Stan Hadden, a top legislative staffer and leader in the AIDS movement has written an article for the Positive Social Support Newsdigest which contains a proposal for campaign reform -- it's the only bright spot in an otherwise gross and excessive display of egomaniacal piggery which currently dominates what passes for the electoral process in this country.

Hadden writes: "In the 90s we will see more social problems, less federal and state money and a non-profit sector that is one-tenth the size of the government bureaucracy [which is] struggling to fill the gap. We are not far from chaos."

He goes on to point out that candidates for Governor in California along spend over $40 million during the campaign. Opposition to Prop. 140 took $6 million alone to say nothing of the other initiative and campaigns. Hadden proposes that instead of candidates spending money on television advertising, they travel throughout the state donating funds to non-profit organizations and charities of their choice. Then on election day the public could vote based on its evaluation of the effectiveness of the fundraising and the wisdom of the donations. Hadden goes on to say that a good portion of that money, pumped into AIDS agencies and other organizations would be a tremendous boost in their effectiveness. And as an added bonus many of the people who are disgusted with negative and spendthrift campaigns would become more excited and involved in the political process.

What a novel idea! Judging the candidates on their abilities and judgement calls BEFORE they get into office -- doing away with the smoke and mirrors -- turning off the patronizing yet inept propaganda machines...

Nah! Hadden should KNOW better -- he WORKS with this process...How can we expect candidates to make such substantive departure from tradition? How can we ask them to give up the "rush" of their excesses both fiscally and emotionally? A "Just Say No" campaign for the political "junkies?" A Betty Ford Clinic for political co-dependents? Maybe a mandatory 12-Step Program with emphasis on personal humility and the acknowledgment of a "higher power" Who isn't called "Governor, Senator, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, etc."

If women and children, the sick, the poor, the disabled and people of color in this state continue to be subjected to substandard or non-existent care, if "safety nets" of legislation are woven only for the rich and the privileged, if the campaign for U.S. Senate promises to indulge in the same fiscal excesses -- we'll know one thing with absolute certainty -- the "junkies" and the political hacks haven't 'hit bottom'.....yet.

--M.R. Richards▼

Married students dorms open to gays/lesbians

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

In a history-making move, Stanford University has adopted a new policy, allowing gay and lesbian partners of Stanford students to live in married-dorms, and to be included in the university spousal benefits.

Under the new regulations, couples must state they are in an "established long-term domestic partnership with a mutual commitment similar to that of marriage..." Cards will be issued to the students and their partners. The cards would allow access to on-campus medical care, to Stanford libraries, the university recreational facilities and campus events.

While some other universities and colleges allow gay and lesbian partners to live in married students housing, Stanford's policy is considered the most progressive, as it applies to all benefits allowed for married student couples.▼

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MGW UNDER the DOME

Elections over but battles continue

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA --In a company town where the "company" is the state legislature some residents are decidedly nervous in the wake of passage of Prop. 140 which was passed by a mere 52 percent of the electorate. Prop. 140 outlines term limits for Assembly and Senate members and also requires a 38 percent cut in the Legislature's operating budget by July 1991. However, neither proponents nor opponents of the initiative believe the issue is settled. Attorneys have been looking for constitutional grounds to challenge the initiative and proponents are sure they will have to defend the issue in court.

Assembly staffers are being told not to panic, not to sell their homes or make any drastic decisions about their jobs while "priority" lists circulate through the offices asking staff to list essential and non-essential job functions. However, most insiders seem to think the cuts won't be too deep and the alternative plans will allow most staffers to keep their jobs.

Although Democratic legislative leaders were happy about picking up three legislative seats by unseating Republican incumbents, their loss of the $6 million campaign to defeat Prop. 140 still rankles.

Losing Republicans in the Assembly were:

* GOP incumbent Sunny Mojonnnier of Encinitas was defeated by Democrat Deirdre Alpert of Del Mar.
* Jeff Marston of San Diego was beaten by Democratic former San Diego City Councilmember Mike Gotch.
* Curt Pringle of Garden Grove lost to assistant U.S. attorney, Democrat Tom Umberg also from Garden Grove.

Democrats control the Assembly by a margin of 48 to 32.

The defeat of Assemblymember Norm Waters, (D-Plymouth) by David Knowles lost the Democrats one seat.

In the state Senate, Republican Jim "AIDS is God's judgement" Nielsen of Rohnert Park was beaten by Democrat Michael Thompson of St. Helena.

The Senate now has 25 Democrats, 13 Republicans, one independent and one vacancy.

Sacramentans saw their Assembly members, Phil Eisenberg, Lloyd Connelly and Tom Hannigan easily retain their offices as did Congressmembers Vic Fazio and Robert Matsui.

Measure S Won't Die

Measure S the proposed city-county merger lost 58 percent to 42 percent in the county and 51.4 percent to 48.6 percent in the city and supporters are ready to try it again.

City Councilmember Tom Chinn, leader of the opposition to the merger said he was opposed to the specific consolidation proposal but not the merger concept itself. A merger advocate reportedly is set to revise the consolidation proposal and return it to the ballot.

The proposal to merge the city and county governments was defeated in part by a combined voter turnout of 56.9 percent of the 557,520 registered voters.

At least one area of the county, Citrus Heights, will try to incorporate as a city before the next consolidation try.

Measure U Failed

Sacramento County voters turned thumbs down on Measure U a proposed 1 percent hike in hotel-motel taxes. The measure would have brought in $400,000 to the general fund and would have been used for cultural and civic activities.

Measure V and W Pass

Measure V amends the city charter to make more people eligible for top jobs substituting the "rule of three ranks" for the "rule of three."

Measure W which asked for the city to reform city council and mayoral campaigns by capping contributions and spending and providing public funding for campaigns, passed. The League of Women Voters supported the measure saying the reforms will allow more people to run for office and will lessen candidate dependency on special interests.▼

"I'll never set foot in Idaho again"

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho -- "I'll never set foot in Idaho again," said Brent Coats, a 30-year-old Idaho native who was arrested on August 18 for infamous crimes against nature during a visit to Boise.

Coats now lives in Walnut Creek, California, but he was in the state capital for a school reunion.

"I was going to see all the people I had grown up with," said Coats.

"The night before, I went out to see some friends and I ended up in jail."

Although homosexual acts between consenting adults are legal in the state where Coats now makes his home, the long arm of the law reached out to nab him and three other men during the wee hours of Saturday morning.

"It was one of the most upsetting experiences of my life," said Coats.

"My life, my freedom was in jeopardy."

Coats and a local man were in a car outside one of Boise's two gay bars when plainclothes policemen on bicycles approached the vehicle.

Coats didn't initially realize the men were police. He thought they were punks out to harass him.

"They were on mountain bikes and looked like kids in their late teens," said Coats.

"I thought they were queer-bashers -- and I tried to drive away."

According to Coats, one of the policemen drove in front of his car.

"It was a very frightening situation. I had no way of knowing they were police."

Coats, whose mother and relatives still live in Idaho, vowed never to return after the harrowing incident.

"I told my mother I would never go back," said Coats. Coats told his mother who worried that his decision also would punish her "If you lived in Nazi Germany and I were Jewish, would you want me to come and visit?"

Coats spent three days in jail before being released on his own recognizance.

According to David Z. Nevin, attorney for Coats, judgment was withheld.

Before the ordeal is over, however, Coats will have to pay a fine of $300 plus court costs and do 200 hours of community service. A 180-day jail sentence was suspended.

Coats also is on probation for two years. Coats said that if he is arrested during that time for a crime which carries more than a $70 fine, the case could be reopened. If that happens, Coats could face five years to life.

"It carries a maximum life penalty," said Coats.

Coats said he knew that Idaho had sodomy laws but he didn't think they were enforced.

"I grew up there and I used to hang out in front of the gay bar when I was a kid.

"I used to sneak in and we were never even noticed by the police."

Coats questioned whether the arrests of the four men that night were a recent development.

"In all the time I lived there, I don't remember any harassment and I've been open since I was 17."

The incident was particularly painful for Coats who said he grew up a few houses from the Ada County prosecutor whose name headed the accusing documents.

"My sister used to babysit for him," said Coats.

"When I got the papers with his name on the top, I just couldn't believe it," said Coats.

"Someone my family knew was in charge of the case, someone I respected."▼

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MGW HAPPENINGS

Not a sin... not a sickness: Homosexuality & the Bible

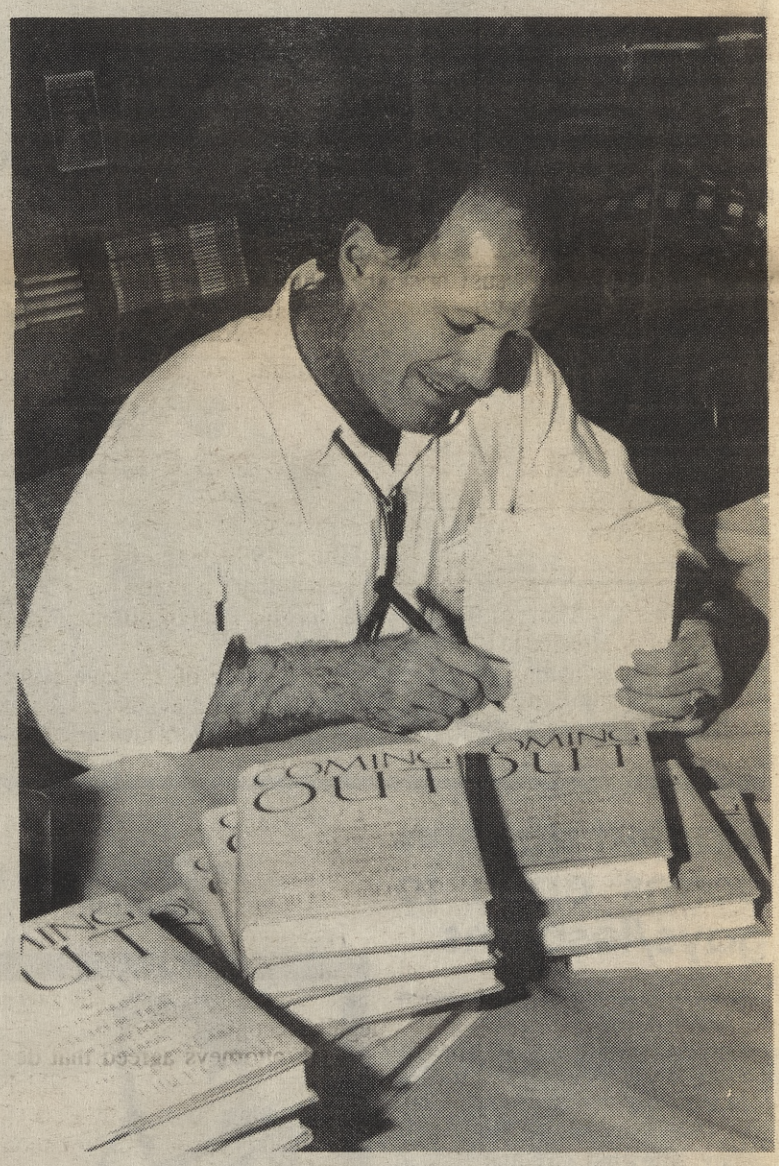
Reverend Freda Smith, River City MCC, will present a series of sermons on "Homosexuality and the Bible," on November 18, 25 and December 2 at 6pm at 3418 Broadway. To kick off this series she will be doing her "Purple Grass" sermon at the 9 and 11am service November 18. The public is cordially invited.▼

State commission needs info

The California State Commission on the Status of Women is soliciting information about how local women's organizations will be celebrating Women's History Month 1991. They will highlight activities within each county in a Schedule of Events section of their February newsletter, "California Women." The Commission needs to receive information no **later than January 10, 1991.** Send your information to 1303 J St., Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814-2900.▼

"Spacial Relations" an exhibition of works by Katherine Kruczek

During the month of November, the 8x14 Gallery at Dito (1729 L Street) will be presenting an exhibition by Katherine Kruczek titled "Spacial Relations." The work is abstract and primarily geometric images done in oils on canvas. The artist uses mirror shapes and metric images done in oils on canvas. The artist uses mirror shapes and opposing and complimentary colors to question the viewer's sense of spacial perception. The vivid colors are painted over black and white canvas and sometimes separated by a neutral grate. Katherine Kruczek is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Burlington County College in Pemberton N.J. She has shown previously at the Dito Gallery in Sacramento and has exhibited her photographs at the Pennsylvania State University in Pennsylvania. For information call Gallery Director, D. Oldham, 916-444-9624, or the 8x14 Gallery, 916-441-DITO.▼



Rob Eichberg, Ph.D., author of *Coming Out, An Act of Love,* is pictured at a recent booksigning at Tower Books on Broadway. Earlier that day, Eichberg spoke to an enthusiastic crowd at CSUS, where all the copies of the book sold out. Later that evening, the author appeared at a forum in Davis. Photo by Pamela Coffey

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Seattle bomb conspiracy trial exposes fascist fantasies

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho -- In this quiet, high-desert town where swear words are rarely heard even in such liberal enclaves as the gay community, a flurry of obscenity-laced tapes opened the conspiracy trial of three white supremacists accused of plotting the May 12 bombing of a gay disco in Seattle.

As they listened, jurors pursed their lips and a sparse audience made up mostly of jurors' spouses shook their heads in disgust at the language that peppered the tapes.

The words "fuckin' son of a bitch," "nigger," "faggot," and "kike" jarred the sombre demeanor of the listeners.

Over and over again, the Rambo-style defendants laughed at the idea of killing blacks, Jews and homosexuals.

Adolescent sentences such as "There's a faggot, a faggot! One bullet and a gun shot right there! Bah-bah-bah-boom!" punctuated tapes filled with an obsessive hatred of minorities.

Ironically, all of the defendants would seem to live an idyllic rural American dream with cabins and ranch-style homes. But their lives are ruled by a paranoia rarely seen in the modern world.

Their disturbingly vivid fantasy life belies an almost sexual response to violence.

The prosecution hopes to show that the three members of the Aryan Nations (Church of Jesus Christ Christian) -- Robert John Winslow, 29, an ex-infantry man with weapons expertise; Stephen Edwin Nelson, 35, a musician and head of the Aryan Youth Program; and Procter James Baker, 58, a mechanic -- conspired to turn a disco full of gay men into a "meat grinder."

On the tapes, the defendants and an FBI informant talked about calling in a bomb threat that would lead the patrons of Neighbors Disco in the Capitol Hill area of Seattle to flee to an alley exit filled with homemade fire bombs.

"Someone just puts a call to that fag bar and says, 'Hey, get everyone out in three minutes, this place is gonna blow!' said Winslow on the tape.

"And when they get out in the kill zone, blow it!"

During the tapes, one of the defendants could be heard saying: "It's all men in there, we could kill half of them."

The defendants also are charged with knowingly making a bomb. Two also face charges of carrying firearms in connection with a crime of violence and crossing state lines to commit a felony.

Even though the defendants behavior clearly was repulsive, the prosecution still may have a tough battle convincing the jurors there was a conspiracy.

The star witness for the prosecution, FBI informant Rico Renaldo Valentino, 53, is the fly in the ointment.

Defense attorneys are trying to assassinate the ex-wrestler's character.

Although no formal charges have been brought, one witness has accused Valentino of bilking him of some $80,000 in a wrestling investment scam.

The scheme allegedly involved such well-known personalities as the wrestling giant Hulk Hogan and the legal giant Melvin Belli as well as "thugs and hit men from the World Wrestling Federation."

In addition, the defense hopes to show that Valentino "encouraged and fomented" the bomb plot in an effort to successfully wrap up the three-year FBI surveillance case that has cost the taxpayers nearly $100,000 to date.

Defense attorney Gar Hackney accused Valentino of continually steering the somewhat witless defendants in the direction of the plot; of demanding that Winslow and Nelson go with him to Seattle on the weekend in question or not at all; and of financing the entire trip -- including the purchase of the bomb components themselves.

Nelson's lawyer contends that though the defenants talked big, they hadn't actually gotten to the conspiracy stage.

According to Hackney, the defendants hadn't set up an actual plan with assigned jobs or contingency schemes as they had said they would, rehearsed maneuvers or bought the Ninja-style suits they wanted to wear.

The defendants also allege that the trip was made in the hope of recording fascist songs at a Seattle sound studio, contacting potential recruits and visiting friends.

No one has denied that the defendants bought the readily available bomb parts at two hardware stores and a gun shop in the Seattle area.▼

"Idaho Four": three plead guilty to lesser charge

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho -- Three of the four men who were arrested in Idaho for infamous crimes against nature in August pled guilty to the lesser charge of indecent exposure at preliminary hearings in October. Judgment was withheld in the fourth case.

According to Rudolf Barchas, attorney for Rodney Caito, 38, of Boise, reducing the charge from a felony to a misdemeanor usually is the way infamous crime cases that involve homosexuals are handled in this Northwest state.

"As of late, this has been the trend -- at least in Boise," said Barchas.

However, Barchas stressed that the statute usually isn't applied to heterosexuals.

"The statute is rarely used for consensual adult acts between heterosexuals," said Barchas.

According to court documents filed by the Ada County prosecutor, plain clothes bicycle police saw two pairs of men in parked cars in *flagrante delicto* near the local gay bar Saturday night around 1am. The two couples were arrested soon after.

Arrested with Caito was Brent Coats, 30, of Walnut Creek, California. Alfred Johnson, 24, of Eastsound, Washington, also was arrested with Alfredo Osuna, 31, of Vale, Oregon.

According to David Nevin, attorney for Coats, the statute -- which dates back to 1864 and also is used in cases of rape and child abuse -- carries a penalty of up to life imprisonment.

"But in 1990, we certainly recognize that that's way too big a hammer for this kind of offense," said Nevin.

Idaho is one of 25 slave states which have laws against anal and oral sex, and Idaho's laws are some of the most archaic in the country.

The infamous crime law makes it illegal for anyone -- homosexual or heterosexual -- to penetrate any bodily orifice during sex except the vagina.

The state also has a fornication statute which makes it illegal to have sex with anyone but one's legally-recognized spouse.

Both attorneys agreed that despite the plea reduction -- which resulted in a $300 fine plus costs, suspended jail sentence, probation and 200 hours of community service to each of the four men -- the law is being used in an unfair manner.

Nevin questioned what would happen if a police officer saw *him* making love to his wife in a parking lot.

"Do you think he's going to arrest me? He'd probably just tell me to get the hell out of there," said Nevin.

Nevin also stressed that even if he were arrested, the case probably would not get to court.

"They'd do a withheld judgment or a bond forfeiture -- or something.

"But with homosexuals, you get this treatment that is a pretty significant penalty.

"They go to jail and end up with a record."

Barchas agreed that the law was being used against a sexual minority.

"This statute is being used as a club in a discriminatory way," said Barchas.▼

Judy Chicago takes back gift

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

The world-renowned artist Judy Chicago has withdrawn her donation of "The Dinner Party" to the University of the District of Columbia, as a gesture in support of striking students. The students want 11 members of the 15-member school board to resign, following a deep cut in the district's budget by the House of Representatives. The cut was supposed to indicate the House's disapproval of Chicago's artwork.

Chicago's art, a triangular table with 40-foot sides, depicts the history of women in 39 place settings. The work is made of ceramic. The place settings are for famous women, such as artist Georgia O'Keefe. Some conservatives have charges the artwork shows female genitalia.

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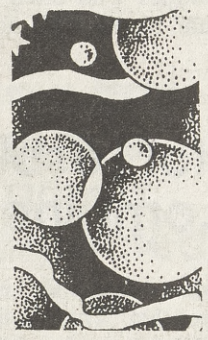

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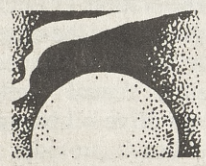

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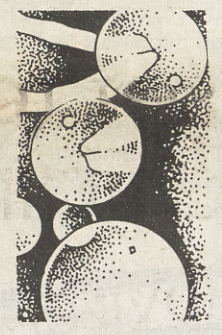

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Domestic Violence

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

Part 3...

In Sacramento we are very fortunate to have WEAVE as the organization which has, does and will continue to work with victims of domestic violence. As you are reading this, it's only a little over a month until the Xmas season. To help you get into the "giving" mood here is the Holiday Wish List from Women Escaping A Violent Environment. If you, or someone you know, can help this valuable organization, here's what they need:

WEAVE Holiday Wish List

#1 ... **VOLUNTEERS**. More than anything else, people are needed to devote some time, particularly to work on the Crisis Line. Training is thorough, you're not left alone to deal with a crisis, and your help would be greatly appreciated. A life-time commitment is not being asked, just a few spare hours on a regular basis.

#2 ... **VOLUNTEERS**. Volunteers are needed during the month of December, through Xmas Eve, to help with WEAVE's Xmas programs. This would be a great way to find out if you'd be interested in further work with the program.

#3 ... **BATH TOWELS**, new or used. There seems to be an unending demand for towels at the WEAVE Safe House.

#4 ... **PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS**. To be given to the women/families who often arrive at the Safe House with no belongings. Small size toothpaste, shampoo, hand lotions. Also toothbrushes, hair combs, brushes, etc.

#5 ... **PAMPERS**, all sizes, quantities. With battered women, often come babies and toddlers. Diapers are always needed.

#6...**UNDERWEAR, SWEATSUITS (PANTS AND SHIRTS)**. All sizes, **NEW**, please. These items are given to sexual assault victims when volunteers are called to area hospitals to assist the victims. The victims' clothes are generally turned over to local authorities.

You can deliver any of these items to the WEAVE office at 1314 H Street, Sacramento.

You can also volunteer your time at the same location.▼

MGW LOCAL NEWS

Davis commission applications

by Maria Albin
OF MGW STAFF

Davis residents are being encouraged to participate in the city government. Over a dozen advisory boards and commissions serve the City Council, enough of a choice to meet the interests of most residents. Included in that list is the Child Care Commission, Civic Arts Commission, Handicap Access Board of Appeals, Human Relations Commission, Planning Commission and Regional Planning Commission, Personnel Board and Natural Resources Commission.

Current openings are publicized in local papers. However, applications are always available, and remain on file for about a year. To find out more about these opportunities to be a part of the Davis city government, call the City Manager's Office at City Hall, or write to the City Manager at City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd., Davis.▼

National Center for Lesbian Rights awarded membership in combined federal campaign

SAN FRANCISCO -- For the first time in the history of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), every employee of the federal government has the opportunity to support the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), the nation's preeminent institution founded to address the legal concerns of lesbians.

Each fall, the more than 5 million employees of the U.S. government are encouraged to make payroll deduction contributions to the charities eligible to participate in the campaign. Resembling the United Way Donor Option drives (in which NCLR also participates), the Combined Federal Campaign is renowned for helping direct hundreds of millions of dollars to deserving agencies throughout the country.

In announcing its participation in the campaign, Patti Roberts, newly-appointed executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, noted that, "Through the Combined Federal Campaign, federal employees can state -- safely and as a group -- that they cherish and support this institution that exists solely to enhance the quality of our lives as lesbians and gay men."

The National Center for Lesbian Rights meets the criteria to participate in CFC -- the federal government's annual workplace-giving donor drive -- because of the legal services it provides nationally to lesbians and gay men. In 1989 alone, NCLR provided no-fee legal advice, counseling, representation and technical assistance to hundreds of lesbians, gay men, and their attorneys in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia.

"By designating NCLR," Roberts continued, "federal workers cast their votes for equality and full legal protections for lesbians and gay men. And, while some federal employees may feel hesitant about designating their gifts to such an `out' organization as the National Center for Lesbian Rights, one needn't be lesbian or gay to work toward a world that respects and protects the rights of all people."

Federal employees can direct their contributions to the National Center for Lesbian Rights by designating #1076 on their pledge forms during the campaign season.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a public interest law firm dedicated to gaining equality for lesbians, and accomplishes its mission by working in the courts, through the legal system and in the community.▼

County of Sacramento

Vacancies to boards, commissions and committees

The following committees and commissions have vacancies as listed below. Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Applications are available at all public libraries and the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. For more detailed information, contact the Clerk's office, 440-5411.

Commission/Committee	Opens	Closes	Type of Member
Advisory Board on Drug Programs	11-19-90	11-30-90	2 general public (one representing youth)
Affirmative Action Committee	11-12-90	11-23-90	5 citizens
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Open Filing		2 homeowner association reps.
Arden/Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council	11-19-90	11-30-90	4 residents of area
Building Board of Appeals	11-19-90	11-30-90	6 members
Carmichael Community Advisory Council	11-12-90	11-23-90	3 residents of area
Child Care Authority Task Force	Open Filing		2 members
County Service Area 4D Herald/Alta Mesa	11-12-90	11-23-90	2 residents of area
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council	11-19-90	11-30-90	4 members
Fair Oaks Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		1 resident of area
Law Library	11-19-90	11-30-90	1 lawyer
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board	11-12-90	11-23-90	4 members
Mental Health Advisory Board	11-19-90	11-30-90	9 members
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		1 resident of area
N. Highlands/Foothill Farms Comm. Planning Adv. Council	11-12-90	11-23-90	4 residents of area
Paratransit	11-12-90	11-23-90	1 general member
Policy Planning Commission	12-31-90	1-11-91	5 members
Project Planning Commission	12-31-90	1-11-91	5 members
Recreation & Park Commission	11-19-90	11-30-90	3 members
Sac. Housing & Redev. Comm.	11-12-90	11-23-90	3 members
Sac. Regional Transit District	11-19-90	11-30-90	1 general member
Sac.-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District	11-12-90	11-23-90	1 general member
Southeast Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		5 residents of area
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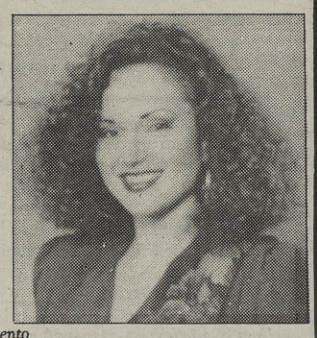
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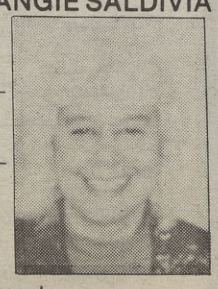
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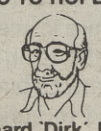
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Denver passes bill

Denver City Council passed an anti-discrimination ordinance October 15 that protects gays and lesbians.

Proponents far outnumbered the opposition, which came largely from conservative Baptist organizations. Eighty-two persons signed up to speak for the bill, and only 21 against it.

Tony Ogden, co-director of the Equal Protection Ordinance Coalition, said their presentation was very rational and the show of support from the community was superb.

Ogden said, "In addition, the community exhibited a keen awareness of the need to be patient with theprocess and gave the council a standing ovation after the vote. It was a very moving moment and one we can all be proud of," he said.▼

Judge orders FBI chief to present affidavit in lawsuit by gay man

FBI Director William Sessions was ordered to give a sworn statement to the court about his involvement in the decision to revoke the security clearance of Frank Buttino, a gay man.

Buttino, who had served 20 years as a special agent for the FBI, was fired in June shortly after his security clearance was revoked.

Buttino filed suit in U.S. District Court, San Francisco, against the FBI, arguing that his dismissal was prompted by disclosures of his sexual orientation.

The government argued that the veteran agent's security clearance was revoked (and he was fired) because he had repeatedly lied about his sexual orientation, thus putting himself at risk of blackmail.▼

House okays gay immigration

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill restructuring U.S. Immigration laws and includes a provision striking the 25-year-old ban on immigration by foreign-born gay men and lesbians.

The narrowly-passed bill, the Family Unity and Medical Opportunity Immigration Act of 1990, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.), re-establishes the quotas of foreign nationals allowed into the country.

The provisions striking the ban on gays was added as an amendment by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass). The House bill must now go to conference with a Senate measure that does not include the Frank amendment.

"I think there is a very good chance it will become law," predicted Chai Feldblum, a lobbyist with the American Civil Liberties Union. "The enemy at this point is the ticking of the clock. It will have to get out (of conference) before Congress gets out (mid-October)."

No word at press time...▼

Women with AIDS find SSA disability, Medicare hard to get

Many women with HIV have died of AIDS without ever being counted as having the disease; many others are in dire need of medical care, which could be obtained if the Social Security Administration (SSA) would approve disability benefits for them.

A class-action lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court and a major demonstration by approximately 100 AIDS activists from various chapters of ACT UP focused attention on women with HIV who have not been diagnosed as having AIDS by the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC's) or approved by SSA for disability benefits.

The plaintiffs in the suit allege that they have been denied SSA benefits because that organization relies too heavily on CDC's definition of AIDS -- a definition based

Gay parrots

According to an article in *The New Yorker*, "it is not unusual for (parrots of the same sex) in captivity ... to bond together and behave just like a heterosexual pair ... regurgitating food for each other and even copulating ... and to stay that way for years ... Females that are not paired with an albe-bodied male can bond with each other and even lay infertile eggs," the magazine reported.

"Once the parrots are paired, whether the union is straight or gay, the range of their relationships is as diverse as that of human beings, and just as puzzling: some couples quarrel all the time but have an abundant sex life; others are passionless and seem scarcely to want to touch each other; some big parrots, particularly cockatoos, truly seem to be in love, snuggling close together, cooing and billing, and having sex three times a day.▼

"Big Brothers" amendment killed

An anti-gay amendment offered by Sen. William Armstrong (R-CO) that would have allowed organizations in the District of Columbia to bar gays and lesbians from being "Big Brothers," coaches or role models was killed in a U.S. House and Senate conference committee.

Before the conference committee action, the House rejected an attempt by Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) to "instruct" House conferees to retain the Armstrong Big Brothers language. Both Dannemeyer and Armstrong perennially advocate anti-gay language in Congressional appropriations bills.▼

Women's Music Festival drops no-male ads

The San Francisco Recreation Recreation and Parks Department has required the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival to remove all discriminatory language against males in advertisements of the events if they are to be held on public land.

Supporters of the Women's Festival charged that the city's decision represented an insensitivity to women's need for their own space.

The Festival, which takes place on Memorial and Labor Day weekends, was first produced in 1979 by Robin Tyler, a well-known feminist and one of the first openly lesbian comics.

This year, the Women's Festival bid for a five-year Labor Day lease for Camp Mather, a San Francisco facility near Yosemite. They won the bid, but with the condition that the Festival an nouncements remove the "women-only" clause.

Deputy City Attorney Mara Rosales stated, "The issue that I think people keep forgetting is that Robin wants to hold a private event on public land. You can't exclude men, since they're members of thepublic, and there is no rational basis for excluding them."

Tyler has agreed to take out the women-only clause in order to produce the Festival, but said, ""The issue is bigger than just one small women's festival -- it's the right of all oppressed people to gather for security and self-expression."▼

Moscow gay newspaper buglarized; KGB suspected

The office of the Moscow gay newspaper, *Tema*, was burglarized and members of the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay Men (MULGM) say it looks like the work of the KGB, the Soviet secret police.

Taken were two-thirds of the money for the fourth issue of the newspaper, their group banner, and all documents, addresses, letters, and other papers related to the newspaper. Co-publisher Roman Kalinin, whose apartment doubles as the Tema office, said that this would be very strange behavior for common robbers.

MULGM has had a number of previous run-ins with the Moscow police and with the KGB. Police have warned the group to stop publishing the newspaper and to stop communications with the International Lesbian and Gay Association, or face KGB action.▼

PFLAG to benefit from CFC campaign

The Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a certified participating organization of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for fall. The campaign provides the opportunity for federal employees to support independent charitable organizations with payroll deduction gifts. The number to use to designate P-FLAG is "0863."▼

Rainbow Flag at home in Santa Fe

The rainbow flag that first flew over any State Capitol was given a home at National Coming Out Day headquarters in Santa Fe, NM.

Santa Fe City Councilwoman, Debbie Jaramillo, attended the ceremony and spoke of the importance of equal rights for all members of society.

Activists representing gay and lesbian organizations in California and New Mexico were on hand, along with CBS and NBC, to welcome the rainbow Lesbian/Gay Pride flag to Santa Fe.▼

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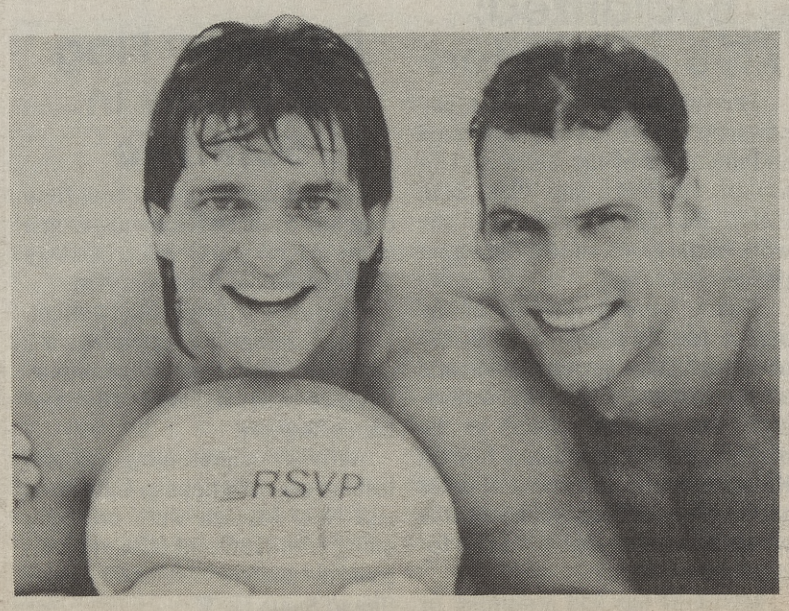
RSVP adds new sailing

Due to popular demand, RSVP has added a second Mexican Riviera cruise to their 1991 schedule, (March 16-23, 1991). This cruise will be aboard the Enchanted Isle (formerly the Bermuda Star). The ship will sail from San Diego making her first stop in Cabo San Lucas, the jewel of the Baja Peninsula. This village has a casual outdoor lifestyle with beautiful desert scenery. Mazatlan will be the second stop and is renowned for white, palm-lined beaches and tepid turquoise waters. Puerto Vallarta will be the final port of call before returning to San Diego. Puerto Vallarta offers a combination of physical charm and luxury centered around a bustling city. As always, RSVP will give you a dynamic cruise experience with famous entertainers, a masquerade ball and the opportunity to make new friends just to mention a few of the highlights. For more information and reservations, call your travel agent.▼



MGW **SPORTS**

Gay rodeo is alive and well in California

by L.J. Black
GUEST WRITER

Sacramento -- Remember the Reno Gay Rodeos of the 70s and early 80s? Did you ever wonder what happened to all those cowboys and cowgirls? Believe it or not Gay Rodeo is alive and well right here in California. Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) members Randy Jacobs and Michael Callery were in Sacramento recently to promote Gay Rodeo. Sacramento lies within the boundaries of the GSGRA-Bay Area Chapter, of which Jacobs is president. Jacobs stated, "We know that there are many people in Northern California who have an active interest in rodeo. We want to make them aware of the Rodeo Association."

According to Jacobs, gay rodeos excite audiences with the traditional rodeo events of Barrel Racing, Bareback Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, and the ever popular Bull Riding. Also added to the rodeo events are Steer Riding and Horse Events such as Flag Racing and Pole Bending. In addition, gay rodeos have special "camp" events such as Goat Dressing, Steer Decorating, and the Wild Drag Race, in which contestants dressed in drag ride a steer across a finish line. Jacobs emphasized that both women and men may compete in all events. He also noted that horse ownership was not necessary to participate in the Rodeo.

Chapter Secretary, Michael Callery pointed out that Gay Rodeo is not limited to California. Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Kansas (Yes, Aunti Em, Kansas!) all have Gay Rodeo Associations which are sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA).

Callery also has the job of chairing the chapter's rodeo committee. He announced that the chapter has put in a bid for a rodeo in San Francisco in June 1991, "Our chapter hasn't had a rodeo since 1988. since then we have reorganized and pulled things together. When we put in our bid for a rodeo at the annual convention, it almost brought the house down. People are really glad that we're back."

The 1991 IGRA Rodeo Circuit began November 9 in Houston, Texas, followed by Arizona's rodeo in Phoenix in January, then onto Los Angeles rodeo in March and San Diego's rodeo in September. Rodeo particpants compete for money and Belt Buckles in each event, as well as earning points towards an All-Around Title. At the end of the circuit top competitors are invited to the International Gay Rodeo Associations Finals. GSGRA members can also compete for the royalty titles of Mr/Ms/Miss GSGRA.

The Bay Area Chapter meets at 2pm on the first Sunday of each month, at "The Corral" in San Francisco. Anyone interested in learning more about the Rodeo Association should call the Rodeo Hotline at (415) 863-4487, or writing to GSGRA-BAC, P.O. Box 14398, San Francisco, CA 94114.▼

Heartbreak House

Hector Hushabye (Joe Vincent) woos Lady Utterwood (Maggie Marshall) in a scene from Heartbreak House, a production by the Sacramento Theater Company, now playing through November 18. See review on page 17. Photo by J. Kenneth Wagner

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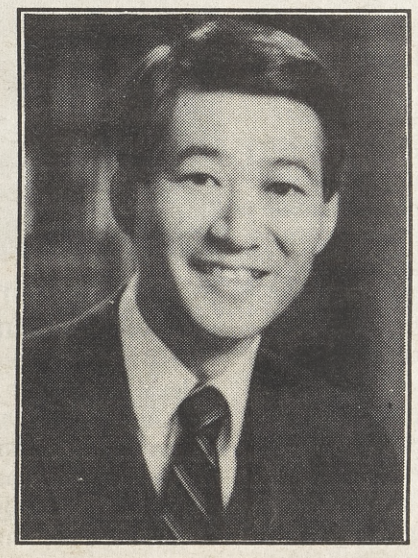

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Congratulations on your anniversary and thanks for always being there for our community!

May your tradition continue for the next 13 years.

Joe Garret

Excellent resources for gay men and lesbians and their nongay friends

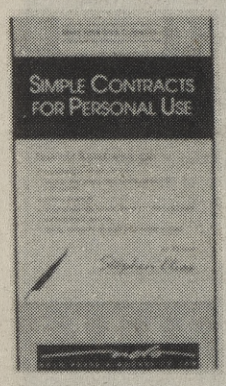
by Janet Mueller
OF MGW STAFF

Nolo Press is a precious resource to gay and lesbian communities across the country. Based in Berkeley, Nolo publishes high-quality, easy to use, self-help legal books, software and videotapes covering a wide range of issues, addressing among them the legal concerns of lesbians and gays. Although Nolo publications were originally limited in scope to the state of California, they now have national distribution and many serve people of all states.

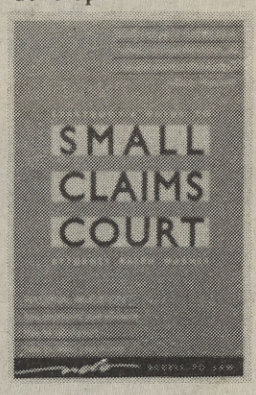
Who is Nolo Press?

Nolo Press was founded in 1971 when Ralph Warner and Charles Sherman, two Richmond-based legal aid attorneys, became disillusioned with the state of lawyering in the United States and the inaccessibility of the law to the poor and underrepresented clients they sought to serve. When they realized that armed with competent information, people could solve at least some of their legal problems without lawyers, they published their first self-help pamphlet -- "How to Do Your Own Divorce in California" -- and distributed it from Warner's Berkeley home. The response of the American Bar Association was, not surprisingly, unfavorable. But when the A.B.A. likened lay people trying to do their own legal paperwork to people performing brain surgery on themselves, sales of the divorce pamphlet soared, and Nolo has never looked back.

Today, Nolo Press publishes about 55 books, five software



programs, and the quarterly *Nolo News*. Although they currently gross $5 million per year in sales and maintain a staff of 60 (including nine attorneys), they have never lost sight of their original goal: to put law in the hands of consumers by providing them with comprehensive, easy-to-understand legal information in a usable form. To serve this end, authors keep legal jargon to a minimum, and many publications contain all of the forms necessary to achieve a particular legal objective, such as writing a simple will. Each book shows you how to do further legal research. Additionally, Nolo devotes a substantial amount of time to tracking and analyzing new laws and updating it books to keep abreast of legal trends and developments.



Books of special interest to gays and lesbians

Nolo's books address a myriad of legal issues from *Dog Law* to *How to Form a Nonprofit Corporation*. A complete list of books is provided at the end of this article. A handful of the books, however, directly address the special legal problems faced by gays and lesbians both in and out of relationships. The most comprehensive is *A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples* (H. Curry and D. Clifford, 5th ed., 1989. Price: $17.95). The authors describe this book as both optimistic and practical, designed to "explain your legal alternatives and show you how to use them to contribute to a harmonious and productive life together." Broad topics discussed include living-together contracts, renting and buying a home, domestic partnerships, parenting, child custody, medical emergencies, estate planning and "divorce." At each step, the authors help you discern the kind of protection you may desire or need depending on your situation. Where applicable, they provide basic, simple examples of appropriate documents to use. The authors are careful to identify situations which might require an attorney, particularly those involving areas of the law that are unclear and/or changing (much of the law concerning gays and lesbians!). Overall, the book is an invaluable resource for those in or out of relationships.

The Power of Attorney (D. Clifford, 3rd ed., 1990. Price: $19.95) provides an in-depth look at options for designating someone to take care of your affairs should you become unable to do so. A power of attorney is a document in which one person (the "principal") gives another person (the "attorney in fact") legal authority to act on her behalf should she become incapacitated. Gays and lesbians should seriously consider creating durable powers of attorney since healthcare and financial decisions are traditionally considered the right of the immediate family and/or legal spouse. The book enables you to prepare a durable power of attorney for financial matters and one for healthcare. Step-by-step instructions for preparing the actual documents are included, as are all of the necessary forms for completing the process.

Nolo's Simple Will Book (D. Clifford, 2nd ed., 1989. Price: $17.95) expounds on the information about wills articulated in the *Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples*, and provides you with all of the necessary information for writing your own will without the services of a lawyer. The author provides a clear, concise overview of different types of wills, and discusses executors, property ownership laws applicable in different states, beneficiaries, minor children, estate planning basics, drafting options, and formalities necessary to execute a valid will. Additionally, the book contains six sample basic wills for certain standard situations which, if appropriate, may be used to prepare your own will. The samples include wills for persons living with a lover, with or without minor children. [Note: Nolo also sells a software package called *WillMaker* (Legisoft, Inc. and Nolo Press, 4th ed., 1990. Price: $69.95) which allows you to enter the information directly onto the appropriate forms, print it out, and sign it in front of witnesses. *WillMaker* comes with a 200-page manual on the estate planning process, and covers more information than that provided in the *Simple Will Book*. It can be used with Macintosh, IBM, and Apple II computers.]

Another area of continuing interest to gays and lesbians is estate planning. Estate planning essentially means arranging to transfer your property and providing for loved ones when you die. Wills are only one component of an estate plan. Estate planning is particularly important for gay and lesbian couples since state death laws do not recognize gay and lesbian unions. The only way to be certain that your property will actually go to your lover is through the creation of proper legal devices. *Plan Your Estate: Wills, Probate Avoidance, Trusts and Taxes* (D. Clifford, 1st ed., 1989. Price: $19.95) is designed especially for people with small or moderate estates (less than $600,000), and focuses on avoiding probate through the preparation of living trusts. Using this book you can provide for minor children, minimize death taxes, prepare a will, and plan for your funeral.

The author stresses the workbook nature of the manual, believing one of its main functions is to help you to take stock of your needs and desires and set goals before tailoring an estate plan to your personal situation. The final chapter presents seven different estate plans designed to illustrate how the estate planning methods in the book can be assembled into one coherent plan based on the needs of the person or couple.

Gays and lesbians may also read with interest *How to Buy A House in California: Strategies for Beating the Affordability Gap* (R. Warner I. Serkes & G. Devine, 1st ed., 1990. Price: $18.95). One of Nolo's most recent publications, *How to Buy a House in California* provides you with detailed information on how to buy the house you want with a minimum of headache. While finding an affordable house in the high-priced California market is not easy, the authors believe the media have exaggerated the affordability problem. They strive to demystify the process of finding the best house for the money, making an offer and negotiating with the seller, evaluating and obtaining the most cost effective mortgage, and working with real estate professionals. The book also covers options available to unmarried couples for holding legal title to property. An added bonus of this book is the information provided about the different areas of California, including climate, schools, traffic and other related concerns of those new to the state or thinking about relocating. *How to Buy a House in California* contains all of the forms and instructions necessary to buy a new or existing California house.

Legal Research: How to Find and Understand the Law (S. Elias, 2nd ed., 1989. Price: $14.95) can be used as a companion to any other Nolo books or as a research tool in its own right. Legal self-helpers will find this book a valuable resource for tracking down legal information in the form of case law, federal and state statutory law, and administrative regulations. It provides step-by-step instructions for using Shepard's citations and West digests and making Freedom of Information Act requests. The book is designed to assist people at all levels of legal research expertise. Those with more experience can use the "fast track" feature to review basic concepts, while beginners are encouraged to become facile with a basic legal research approach which can be applied to any legal query. [Note: Nolo has also just published a 2-1/2 hour legal research videotape and accompanying manual called *Legal Research Made Easy: A Roadmap Through the Law Library Maze* (Nolo Press and R. berring, 1st ed., 1990. Price: $89.95). The package is designed to introduce interested parties to basic legal information

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MGW MOM...GUESS WHAT! 's Pull-Out Section

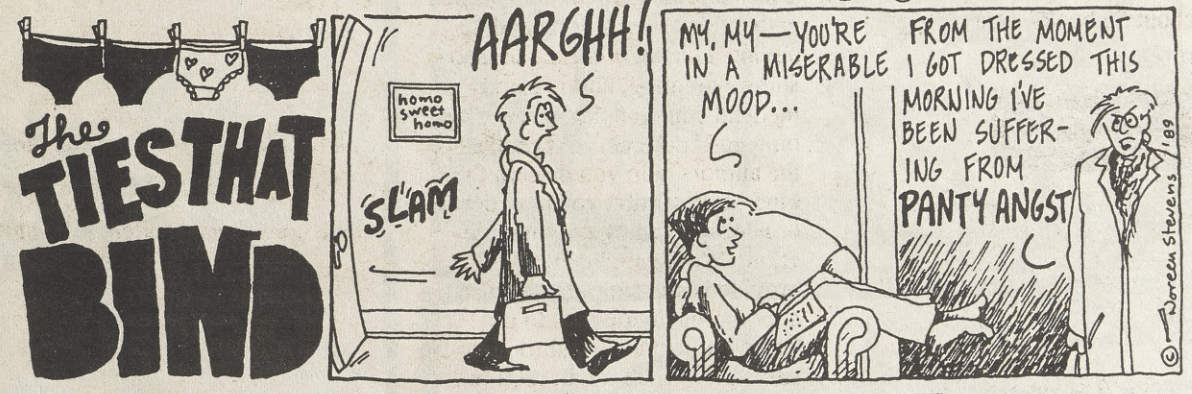
MGW FLASH

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

(For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.)

Perry Watkins, who was discharged from the Army after a successful 14 year career, will be allowed to re-enlist! There's a glimmer of hope for all minorities, including women with the Supreme Court ruling. Furthermore the Navy is realizing that lesbians are "hard working, career-oriented ... and top performers," according to an article in the *San Francisco Chronicle* ● Not considering myself much of a television person, I still manage to catch many history-making shows. *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill* recently dealt with the assisted suicide of a man with AIDS by his lover. The frank discussions within the show were quite meaningful. In other TV news, *Doctor, Doctor* is back on the air. This show also deals openly with gay characters. One episode of late was rather frivolous but still a stepping stone nonetheless ● With the holidays upon us, there is many a party in store. One not to miss and one given in the true spirit of the season will be a fundraiser for the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation** (SAF). It all takes place at the fashionable midtown residence of housemates **Stephen Crow** and **Michael Madden.** Mark the evening of December 8 on your calendars. Councilwoman **Heather Fargo** will be in attendance along with other dignitaries. Stay tuned for more details ● The **Lambda Players** continue their theatre season with *A Night of One-Acts* from December 1-16. Best wishes on opening night. Also, renovations at the center are now in full swing ●The next time you bump into **Empress Vannah**, you will be encouraged to visit **"Cafe Vannah"** at the Faces Video Bar on December 2. This fundraiser runs from 9am (early risers awake!) until two in the afternoon ● There is much to report on the **Halloween** festivities around town. All the bars were buzzing with costumed celebrants. Organizations threw parties as well as private individuals. This year I pulled out all the stops, took the night off and attended them all! ..... First off, the *lavish* SMC Halloween bash at the Lincoln Plaza Atrium was "thee" party to attend. The setting is enormous and elegant. Costumes can easily be showcased with viewing from a circular balcony. The evening progressed fluidly due to meticulous organization. This space however could easily hold 200 more people. It's doubtful that SMC will show a profit on this fundraiser. Maybe next year they should combine forces with **Terry Sidee** at **Faces** and fill the Lincoln Plaza to full capacity!! The reason for this suggestion is because Faces was all out crazy and overflowing during the holiday weekend (and midweek). A bigger space with multi-levels would insure a better view during the Faces contest. And believe me, Faces was a scream. The energy level exhilarating. Hopefully both parties will entertain the idea ..... Farewell to **Richard Boriolo,** Faces bartender extraordinaire, as he takes off to a more tropical setting. Richard has also been the force behind many fundraisers in town. Many thanks and best wishes ..... Over at the **Wreck Room**, it's rumored that the Halloween grand prize winner was invited home by the master of ceremonies. Undoubtedly some sort of bonus prize! And for future doings check out "After Hours" on Fridays and Saturdays ..... **Joseph's Town & Country** (JTC) celebrates Halloween all year long. Therefore it's only natural that regulars and out of town guests became even more glamorous. On the other side of the coin, the Sacramento Leather Association (SLA) presents the **Mr. Leather Sacramento Contest '91** on November 17. The special celebrity emcee is Mr. Northern California Drummer, **Steve Lesh** ..... The **Town House** featured a "Circus Night" on Halloween. Revellers filled every corner to cheer the contestants. And dinner is always a good idea in the upstairs restaurant ..... Fairy God Father's Fund sponsored one of the biggest fundraisers ever held at the **Mercantile**. Over $2,000 was raised at a recent auction. Proceeds benefit PWA's at the UCD Medical Center ..... The **Buffalo Club** also reported a fun Halloween. The "cone heads" apparently brought the house down. There's always a lively crowd in the midst of massive renovations ● In the private, privileged arena, **Gary Coates** and friends know how to throw a party. Gary's **Marilyn Monroe Party** was beyond words. The prize for the most convincing Marilyn was awarded to **Pete Walsh** who donned a dress for the first time in his life. It may be the last time as well. Pete went all out and shaved his *rather* hairy body. He may be home scratching at this moment ● The Halloween costume award, award and award went to **Stephen Crow**. Not only was his outfit imaginative and animated, it was also very tall (including lights). Stephen's gestures and antics also contributed to his success. Thanks for making us smile ● Belated kudos to neighbor **Gerry Watt** on his "Starring" cover story in the *Sacramento Bee's* Sunday section. Gerry manages the Tower Theatre and is profiled in the article ● **Crazy Rhythms** is now playing at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre. The show was conceived and is directed by theatre genius **Robert Irvin**. Looking over the cast list, it was a pleasant surprise to see **Glenn Cooper** on the roster. With those names, the show can't lose ● And in the dance world, yours truly will be offering a five-week mini-course starting November 20. If you are interested in **Ballroom and Western** partner dancing, this is for you. And for alumni of my famous courses, we will attempt **synchronized** dancing to those who dare. Call me (453-8991) to receive all the information in the mail ●SAF's Healthy Living Series continues with the **Buddy Connection/90**, safe sex workshops on November 16 and December 3. **Heart to Heart**, focus and general rap groups, continue every Tuesday evening. Don't miss out ● A workshop where everyone can benefit is **Nutrition and Your Health**. SAF and **Nelson Feldman, D.C.** will explor many new angles on November 19 ● In other SAF news, **Dennis Mangers** is encouraging a town forum to determine the future direction of the foundation. With all the changes, many folks are anxious to know how certain services will survive ● **Music by Joey** presents a "Clean and Sober Dance" on November 24 at the Holidome. Stay tuned for New Year's Eve ● In future SMC events, make plans to attend the sixth annual **Winter Concert Series.** The **Golden Gate Men's Chorus** will be special guests. These joyous sounds will be heard at the First United Methodist Church on December 14 and 15 ● **Happy Thanksgiving** to all. Make a point to share with those who mean a great deal to you. Until December ..... *John*▼

Gary Coates' Halloween "Marilyn Monroe Party," Gary (on right) and his steady, Jay (second right), along with about two dozen Marilyns, took the Town House by surprise when they sashayed in together. Photo by Sonya Cox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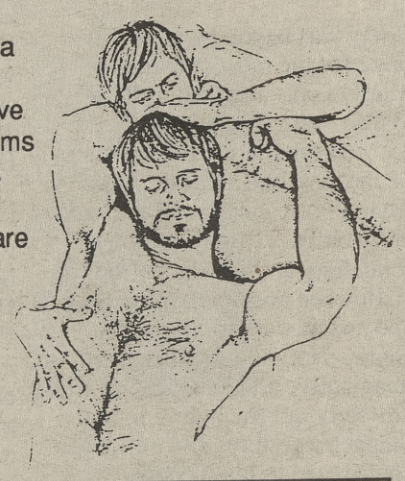

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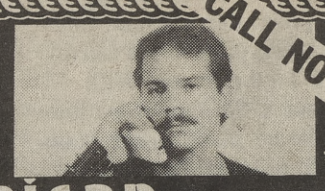

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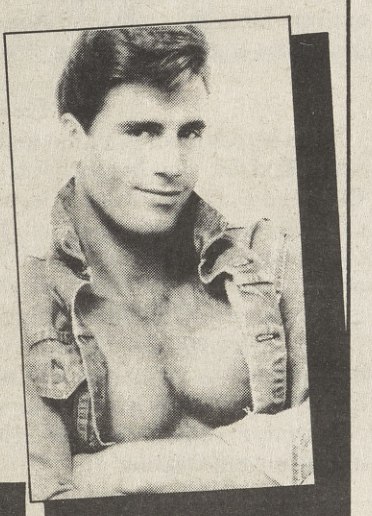

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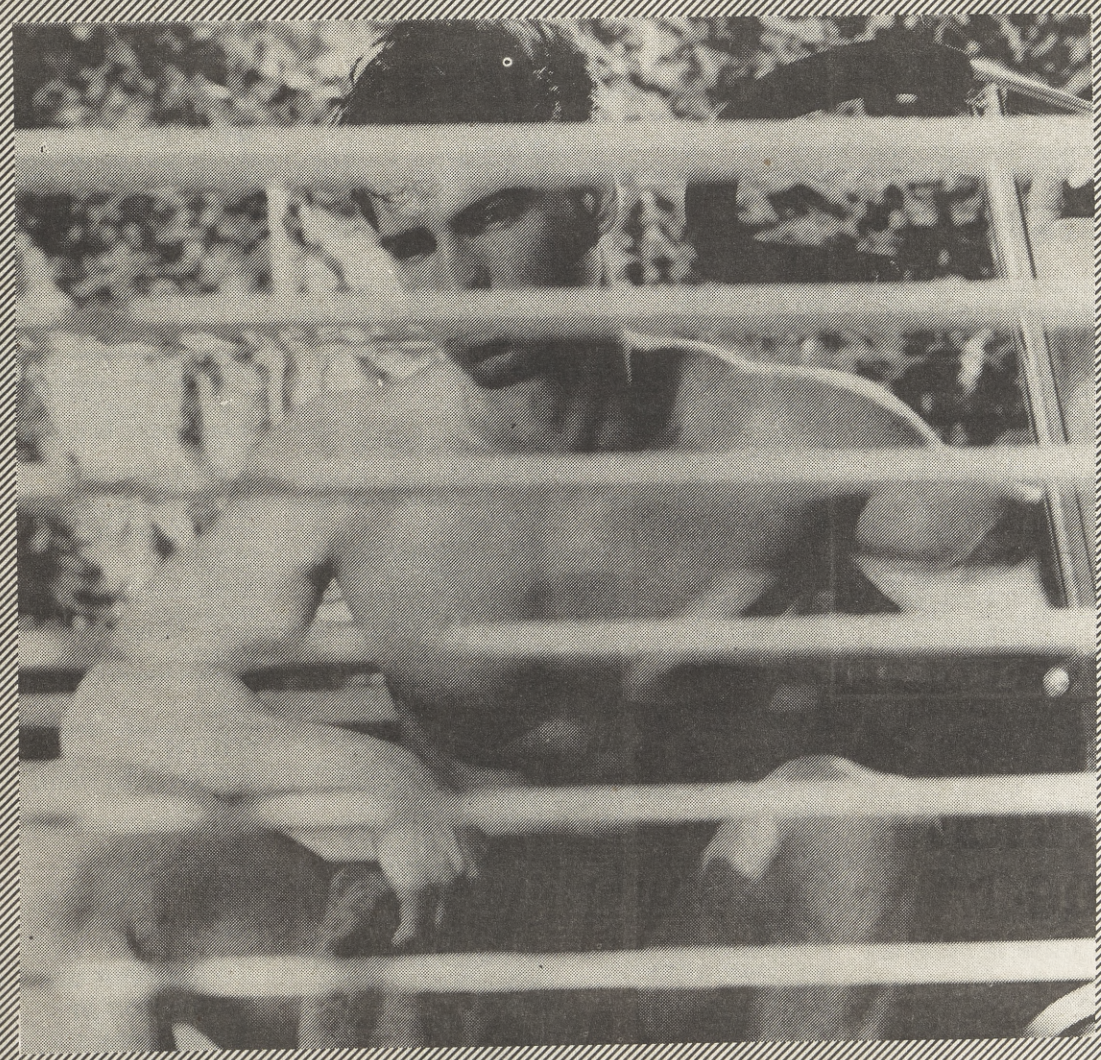

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Celebrations of note

by Hal Griffith
OF MGW STAFF

The Capitol City was certain ripe with celebrations for the Gay High Holy Days. There was almost too much to choose from -- a good sign that Sacramento is growing.

Although her invitation to the big Marilyn party apparently got lost in the mail, Empress Vannah helped some friends transorm themselves into visions of that most famous blonde. So she didn't make it to the bash, that didn't stop some of her hair, shoes and accessories from attending! The grab-bag of Marilyns included girlscout, old, young, even dead. It's been bantered about that there is a stairway fashion show tape, wouldn't that be fun to see?

Balls of Hellfire

The Sacramento Men's Chorus had a hellfire of a time at their annual ball. It was definitely just like being "Trapped in a Science Fiction Movie." Lincoln Plaza was populated with some of the scariest, ugliest, weirdest and friendliest aliens this side of the third moon of Jupiter. Among the guests were a group from the gladiator movies (remember how bad they were, but we watched anyway hoping for an errant breeze). There were the men from the Space Patrol to keep order (and make uniform fantasies run wild). And care had to be taken to avoid the jaws of Audrey II, the man-eating plant Little Shop of Horrors.

Contests of Thrills

A run across town in a limo to the Do-Cats show and costume contest was called for. This big party was planned and hosted by the VIII Grand Duke and Duchess Leonard Harris and Lady Garnet. The emcee for the evening was Emperor IX Doug. The partying and fun was non-stop and the costumes outrageous. This holiday seems to bring out the best in all of us!!! Judging the contest included Emperor XIII, Terry Sidee and Stockton's Imperial Crown Princess Chantilly.

Halloween night had Empress Vannah and Emperor XVI Paul among the judges at the Town House's Costume Celebration. Unusual creatures from many planets seemed to sweep the field of bests and mosts costuming except for John the Genie who did something very interesting in chiffon and G string.

Left: Winner of the Hellfire Contest Stephen Crow. Below: "She-devil" Robby Becker and debonair Rob Thorbin at Joseph's Halloween Party. Photos by Sonya Cox

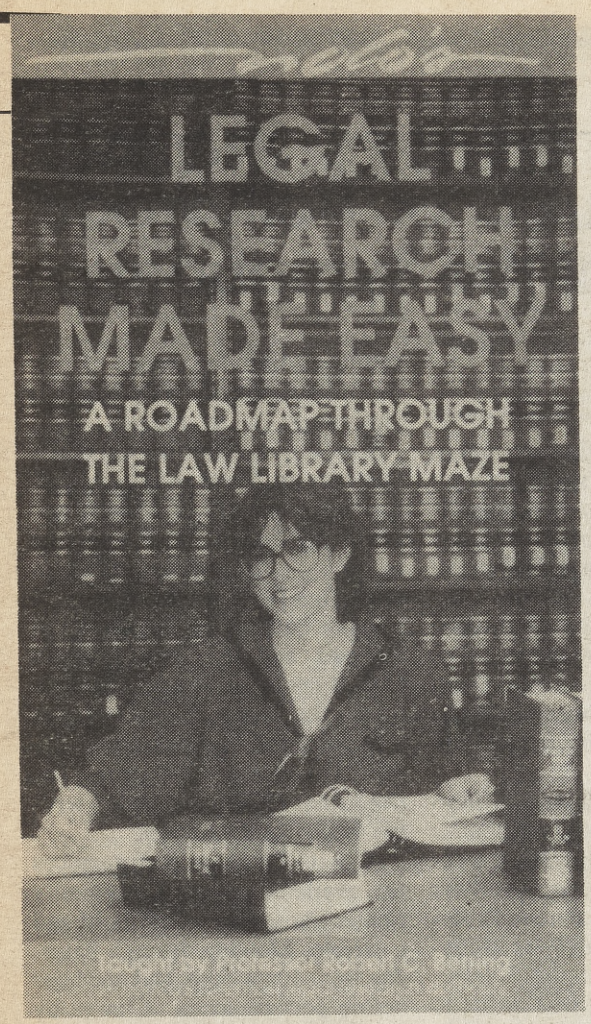
Courting success

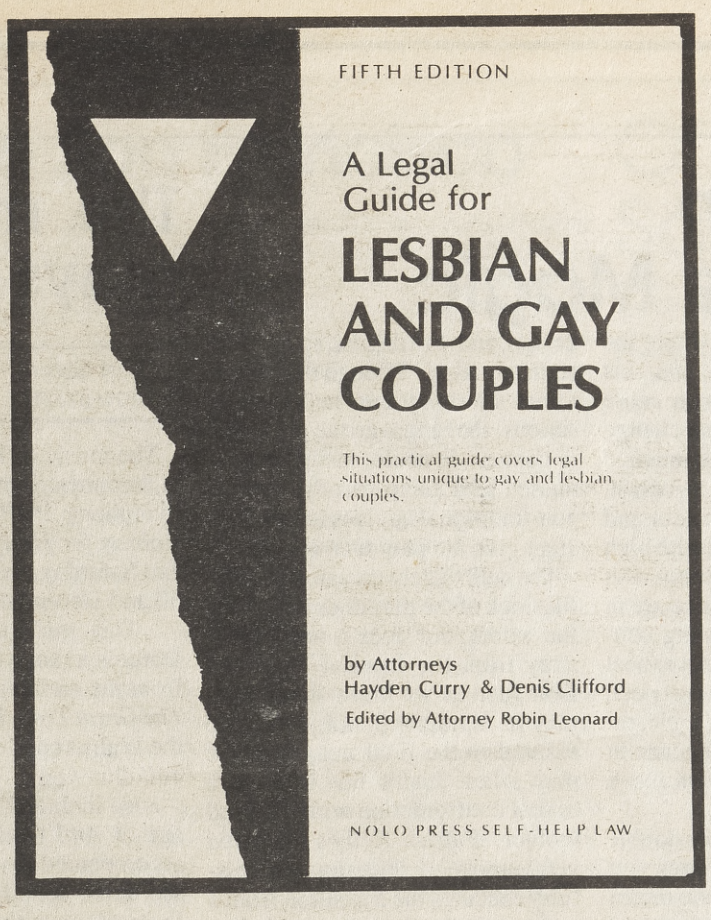
The court's holiday celebration wasn't until November 2, but it was well worth waiting for. Closet Ball '90 at the Camelia Room saw the debut of eight fabulous new girls. The premise of closet ball is simple: people are presented in their original gender then, after one hour, presented again in drag. The contestants are graded in both categories and a new queen is crowned. The competition was stiff this year and the judges' job was not one to be envied. Emperors and Empresses from San Francisco, Fresno and Reno were among the celebrities with the tought job of choosing the new Closet Ball Queen. And tas tough as it was they made their decision. This year's Queen is Miss Di A. Fram, also known as softball great Greg Newman. Miss Di was sponsored by Nicole. All of the girls did a great job and were a wonderful group to work with.

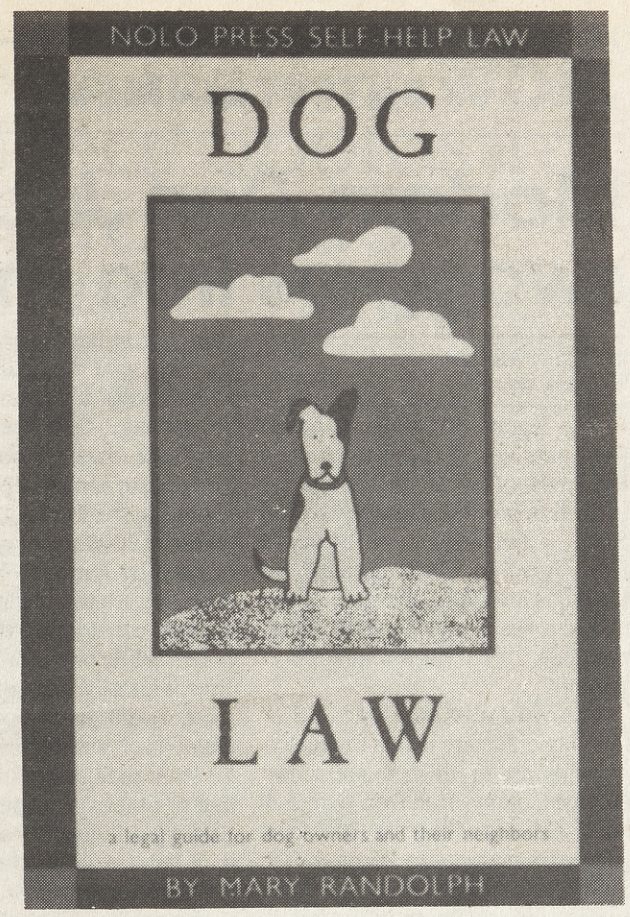
Many of the judges that night also entertained the audience during the hour of transformation as did some of Sacramento's own stars including Miss Gay Sacramento, Jimmie and the blonde bombshell *itch, Brenda.

Dates to remember

The Grand Duke and Duchess Gene and Racine present "Sisters ... in the Name of Love" on Sunday, November 18 at 7pm. A donation of $3 and a non-perishable food item is requested at the door of the Showroom at Joseph's Town and Country. Also note in your datebook another Cafe Vannah. It will be Sunday, December 2 at the sensible hour of 9am. Your $5 donation will get another of Vern's wonderful Breakfast Buffets and help the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Again, behind the bar will be KC and Empress Vannah to meet your brunch thirst requirements.▼







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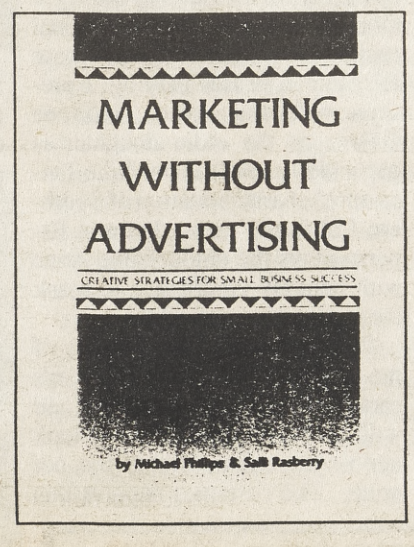

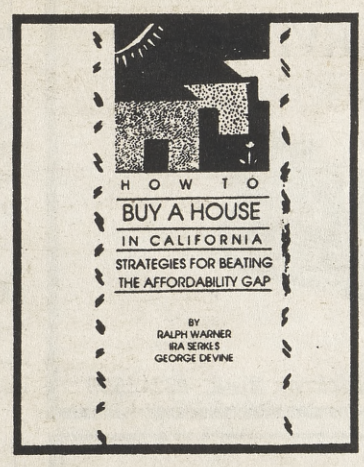

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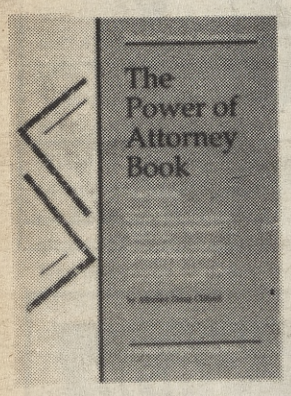

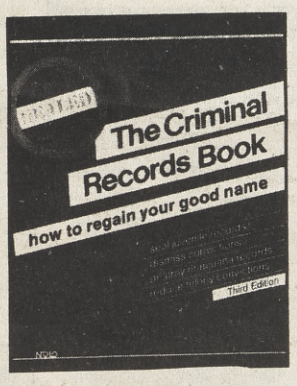

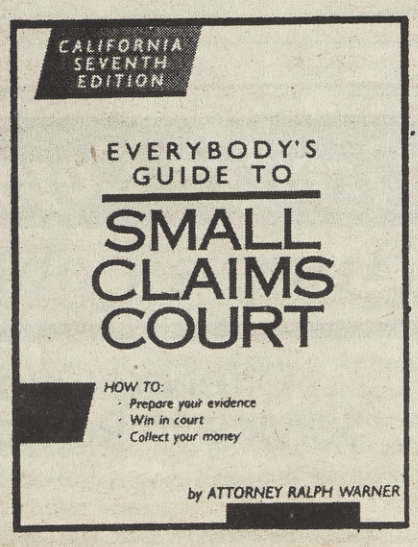

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Modern *Don Juan* swaggers into The Magic

by Terry Maloney
OF MGW STAFF

The legend of Don Juan began 400 years ago and has been seen in hundreds of versions by authors including Moliere, Lord Byron and Shaw -- not to mention Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. And because the legend is immortal, the story of the classic rogue has not ceased to originate new ideas via the new playwrights.

Octavio Solis' *Man of Flesh* at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco presents the myth in modern day Orange County, with Don Juan and his male associates as Mexican gardeners at a wealthy home. After a clownish first scene with little more purpose than background exposition in which Juan casually dismissed three young women he has impregnated, he meets Anne, the woman of his dreams: a sharp-tongued 16-year-old virgin. Our imperfect hero makes a furtive journey through his love's home, sleeping with three other women on the way. But the feminine entity really manipulating Juan's fate is the ghost of his mother, who instigates his damnation.

Paul Taliafero as Juan flashes dangerously sexy eyes to us before swaggering apathetically to the nearest female he can see. At first his honey-tongued seducer looks simple in terms of characterization, but in later scenes where the women tend to seduce *him*, his motivations become much more interesting. We see the change from the careless and contented hedonist to someone out of control.

Fracas, the Puckish narrator and friend of Juan's, is played with high voltage by James K. Faerron. His monologues to the audience are in shakily constructed rhyming couplets. While one should not expect Fracas himself to be an expert poet, there could have been a clearer element of wit and intelligence in his verse to raise his function above that of plot exposition.

Nearly all the other actors double their roles, and the three pregnant females from the first scene return as the mother (Jane Angeles) and two sisters of the Downey family in Orange County. Non-traditional casting is a great success with these Hispanic actresses playing, I presume, rich white women. Suzanne Galvez as the older daughter is particularly comic in her "like-I'm-*so*-sure" characterization of Southern California girls. Estrella Esparza plays the untouchable Anne with haughty confidence to mask the teenager's vulnerability.

The most remarkable quality of the production is the Paul Porter's cartoonish set, brightly colored and with most set pieces built to look almost three-dimensional but not quite. The costumes support this design, and, to a degree, so does the style of acting. Though the plot of a man's journey into hell is quite serious, the language the play uses is comic. It could easily by dismissed as a camp parody, but the non-traditional advents to this Don Juan give the play its own life.

The deliberately unrealistic, child-like look of the play does not betray the words, nor does it necessarily stray from the fanciful legend of Don Juan as we know it. A kid's play it certainly is not, as we are assured in the final images of the play when Juan's life ends in a sexual confrontation with his dead mother. Patrick Kelly's animated yet purposeful direction successfully executes the transition from a cartoon garden into cartoon hell.

Another appeal is the Magic Theatre itself, now it is 24th year. The stage that gave birth to Sam Shepard's early plays and introduced performance art still takes the kinds of risks many theatres are afraid to take.▼

The music of Hollywood plays at the Symphony

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

The music of Hollywood comes to Sacramento when the Sacramento Symphony POPS series presents *Hooray for Hollywood!* on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 30 and December 1 at 8pm.

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Avalon at the Century and UA The Movies

A trip down Memory Lane ... reluctantly

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Barry Levinson tries very hard. The man who made *Diner*, *Tin Men* and *Rain Man* has written and directed an ambitious comedy-drama about the disintegration and alienation of a family by television and suburbanization in postwar America. It is sometimes gorgeous to look at and the period detail is remarkable -- where did Levinson find or recreate all those late 1940s appliances, cars and trolleys?

For all its virtues, *Avalon* left me cold and antsy. This movie was reaching for some kind of greatness, and Levinson wants desperately to take his audience on a nostalgia steeped trip filled with joy and sorrow.

I resisted all the way. Most problematic were the characters. Grandpa (Armin Mueller-Stanhl) is a Jewish immigrant from eastern Europe arriving in Baltimore in 1914. He never fully assimilates to life in America, nor does his wife (Joan Plowright) who is the kind of cantankerous person we are expected to like because she's elderly and, thank God, somebody else's relative.

Son Jules (Aidan Quinn) and cousin Izzy (Kevin Pollack) go into business together. They are first-generation Americans, and the old world continuity is severed with this generation and its ambitions born from the American Dream.

Rounding out the principal characters are Jules' wife Ann (Elizabeth Perkins) and their son Michael (Elijah Wood). Not one of these characters, or any in the large supporting cast, were people I grew to care about in two plus hours. They weren't evil nor were they likable. They just weren't very interesting. Woody Allen has given moviegoers large, argumentative Jewish families for years, and he does it far better than Levinson.

Avalon has an annoying habit of telegraphing its dramatic high points ahead of time. Bees are seen under the front steps and sure enough they escape to terrorize the children. Fatigue leads to hospitalization and death. A little game of pyrotechnics turns into a major disaster. I came to expect tragedy in every scene -- will grandpa choke on a turkey bone? Will junior get polio?

Toward the end, it didn't much matter. I just wanted to leave these tedious people. *Avalon* has received some fine reviews, but I found it to be the most overrated American movie since, well, since Barry Levinson's *Rain Man*.▼

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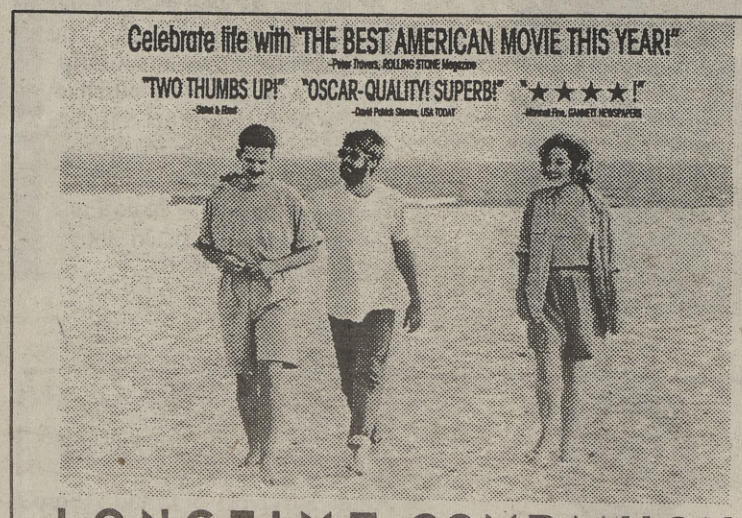
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Gospel spreads to San Francisco

by Terry Maloney
OF MGW STAFF

If you think a 1200 page Victor Hugo novel is hard to put on the stage, or if you think setting T.S. Eliot's cat poems are an unlikely libretto for a musical, try to imagine the story of *Oedipus at Colonus* presented as a gospel performance in a traditional black Pentecostal church. The second play of Sophocle's Oedipus cycle, with *Oedipus Rex* before and *Antigone* after, is the least produced of the three plays and that has never, at least not in this century, been adapted for a show with such professionalism as is employed in *The Gospel at Colunus.*

Currently playing at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco, the A.C.T. production is in collaboration with the Oakland Ensemble Theatre and Festival 2000. But in fact the collaboration is more complex than that, because among the cast of 50 are already established groups such as the Five Blind Boys of Alabama and the Soul Stirrers.

The gospel feel considerably outweighs any sense of Greek tragedy, but enough of the story is intact that it does not compromise the meaning of the play. In fact the cathartic ritual of the Pentecostal church service, as the show's director Lee Breuer described in an interview in *The San Francisco Chronicle* on October 14, is precisely what Oedipus achieves at Colonus.

It is breathtaking from even before the beginning, when you take in the colorful splendor of the set, which features an enormous mural that depicts a heavenly explosion. Then the chorus enters in bright, flourishing robes to multiply the already loud visual effect. Finally, Roscoe Lee Browne as The Messenger enters and begins "today's sermon" which is the story of Oedipus. This is a strong frame in the narrative that, again, may outweight the picture that it holds, which is the play proper. All the characters of the Greek stories are meant to appear as gospel singers. Clarence Fountain and the Five Blind Boys collectively play Oedipus, and Creon is played by gospel legend "Pops" Staples. Staples is a good example of one who is apparently not an actor but whose personality is the very character required for the role; because he plays a musically talented deacon of the church who is playing Creon for the sermon, he seems perfectly natural.

But the real star of *The Gospel at Colonus* is the music itself, which gets the desired effect of an emotional volcano erupting in the audience each time the chorus finishes out with harmonic Pandemonium what began as a soft, melodious ballad. Carolyn Johnson-White takes charge of the chorus and indeed the whole auditorium as the soloist in the most explosive of these numbers, *Lift Him Up,* which also succeeded in lifting the audience to its feet.

Over the years the word "musical theater" have come to mean more and more different types of shows. There are plays with music, there are operas with some dialogue. Characters may skate around as trains *(Starlight Express)* or be murderous barbers *(Sweeney Todd).* What makes *The Gospel at Colonus* unique, even amidst this wide variety, is that it takes two very familiar, age old traditions -- Gospel Music and Greek Drama -- and melds them to form an unexpected powerhouse of entertainment.▼

Gospel legend Clarence Fountain portrays Oedipus (left) and Melba Scott-James as Antigone in *The Gospel at Colonus* playing at the Orpheum Theatre through November 18. Photo by David Allen

Offbeat operas in San Francisco

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

For the first time in its main season, the SFO staged Mozart's 1782 "Die Entfuhrung aus dem Serail" (The Abduction from the Seraglio). With one glaring exception, the cast was adequate, but Mozart demands more than adequacy. The exception was Susan Patterson as Constanze. This role was totally beyond her vocal abilities, and she should never have been singing it. She has neither the properly placed voice nor the vocal agility, making most of her singing painfully strained and shrill. "Traurigkeit," with its long lower notes, came off best, "Marten aller Arten" suffered mostly in the rapid parts, but "Ach, ich liebte" was a disaster.

At first Kurt Streit sounded like a real Mozart tenor, but that didn't last. His is a smallish undistinguished voice, and he doesn't generate much excitement onstage. Kurt Moll made Osmin the most enjoyable character in the opera as his bass reveled in the low notes. Lars Magnusson (Pedrillo) and Cheryl Parrish (Blondchen) were pleasant, while Hermann Michael conducted with considerable verve.

The sets consisted of a large multifaceted box, which moved around and opened up to suggest various buildings. Its grill-work suggested the intricate geometric patterns typical of Ottoman architecture. Attractive at first, this box got tiring as the evening wore on. Plain colored panels formed the background. A more exciting production would be welcome. The costumes, however, capitalized on the Turkish setting of the opera, with rich robes and turbans in vivid colors.

Jules Massenet is like sugar: overating makes you sick, but in small doses it is a treat. SFO served up a small dose, with his 1910 "Don Quichotte." Well-cast with a beautiful production, this opera made a touching effect. It centers on Quichotte's pathetically ludicrous love for the prostitute Dulcinee. The opera's success depends on the title role, written for Chaliapin. Samuel Ramey offered gorgeous bass singing, a pleasure to the ear, but dramatically he just never seemed to get under the man's skin. Mezzosoprano Katherine Ciesinski, on the other hand, offered a well-sung and complex Dulcinee. Michel Trempont, while he didn't have much voice, was a highly effective Sancho Panca, comic much of the time, but moving when he needed to be, as when he led his master away from the mocking crowd.

Julius Rudel's conducting brought Massenet's lyricism to life which is what this composer is all about. Marvelous sets, from Chicago's Lyric Opera, enhanced the romantic effect. Towering buildings dominated the city scenes, but a spare landscape with mysterious lighting effects captured Quichotte's hallucination in the windmill scene. While few would suggest that this is a great opera, it can provide an enjoyable evening in the theater.▼

Soprano Susan Patterson is Constanze and Frank Hoffmann is Pasha Selim in Mozart's *Die Entfuehrung aus dem Serail* (The Abduction from the Seraglio). Photo by Larry Merkle

G.B. Shaw breaking hearts at STC

by Terry Maloney
OF MGW STAFF

In the absence of a Shakespeare play as the requisite classic in the Sacramento Theatre Company's current season, George Bernard Shaw takes his place. While many of us will miss the usually colorful Elizabetyhan entertainment, the eccentric Irish playwright, if he were alive today, would say *Heartbreak House* is a far superior drama than anything Shakespeare could have written. That certainly is not true, but the semi-ironic arrogance Shaw usually displayed when discussing the superiority of his own plays is the same confidence and conviction his characters are made of.

Written after World War I, and set literally hours before it, the play's peculiar narrative seems to focus on nothing in particular. The love of heartbreak most the character share gives credence to the title. But separate politics expressed by each of the characters are too veiled in wit and metaphor to ring true. The dialogue is marvelous and certainly never dull, but what it adds up to depends on your knowledge of Great Briton and in the first World War.

Jon Primbyl plays the dryly comic sea captain Shotover with an ambiguity as to how aware he is of his surroundings. Though on the outside he seems aged and distracted, there broods within him someone acutely thoughtful. Maggie Marshall brings to Lady Utterword a mature sensuality that works wonders on the heroic Hector Hushaby (Joe Vincent).

As Hesione Hushabye, Melinda Peterson's sexy, intense voice and broad, affected gestures are so extraordinary it would be too simple to call it camp. The character (orcaricature) achieved here is one who is genuinely histrionic. Mark Cuddy's direction highlights this particular performance and sets Lady Hushabye apart from the other characters. It is a bold move, but in a play with 10 very diverse characters it is easy to accept.

Nicholas Dorr's elaborate ship-like set is the interior of Captain Shotover's house for the first two acts. Then during the second intermission five stage hands actually perform the impressive transition to the exterior, using mostly the same set pieces.

For those who need an introduction (or a refresher course) to Shaw, there is a half hour prologue to the play by STC actor Jack Lynn. Mr. Lynn, a magnetic presence himself, gives a cursory history of Shaw's plays and the contemporary responses to them. But the real treat here is Mr. Lynn's recollection of the few times he had the opportunity to meet the master himself.

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Not long after *Heartbreak House* was written, *The Desert Song,* a frivolous musical in the vaudeville tradition, hit the American stage. And the week after STC opened with one play, Music Circus opened the other and they were contemporaries.

Unlike the summer production in the round under that enormous tent, Music Circus's winter productions ablaze with spectacle and tradition theatre conventions in a good old proscenium (The Community Center). Commonly labeled a "light opera," *The Desert Song* is more a series of vaudeville characters and acts that cohere reasonably well into a story. A story in fact based on the true history of Moroccan resistance to the French colonial administration.

This production uses the stars from the recent New York City Opera production, Richard White and Linda Michele (not to mention the costumes and scenery). Both bring to their roles the glamour and romantic abandon on which the play thrives.

Director Phillip Wm. McKinley also plays the male comic role (Benny) opposite the hysterical Lillian Graff (Susan). The pair are the strongest asset to the show which is meant to be played exactly as it was in its original 1926 production.

I would like to tell you to run out and see *The Desert Song,* even for historical interest if nothing else. but since it has closed already I will move on and tell you to buy tickets for *Les Miserables,* which opens January 30. If it is produced with as much professional competence as *Desert Song,* this far superior piece of work should raise the roof.

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Blake's ... flavorful sandwichry

by Drew Herzig
OF MGW STAFF

I'd be reluctant to share Blake's sandwich shop, a quiet haven in the bustle of Midtown, with too many people. I'm only telling a few hundred of my closest friends. If you haven't yet sampled the soups, salads, and sandwiches at Blake's, there can be only one excuse -- pure ignorance! So listen up.

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Named for the British poet, the restaurant features a composite mural of some of Blake's most famous paintings and etchings. And for the mental traveller, this is the only sandwich shop I've found that has current issues of Newsweek and The New Yorker on hand for their patrons to peruse. Best of all, Blake's doesn't fuss at you with paraphernalia -- they aren't selling coffee filters, T-shirts, tote bags, or cinnamon shakers. Just good food and drink, and a pleasant place to be. Tell them Bill and I sent you.

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MGW REVIEW

Tret Fure's hot new album:

Time Turns the Moon

reviewed by Joyce Bezaz
OF MGW STAFF

Tret Fure's excellent new album entitled *Time Turns the Moon* (produced by Teresa Trull) has something for every music enthusiast -- a little rock, pop, and country; romance, socio-politics, and fun. Besides being known as a talented engineer, producer, songwriter, and musician, Fure's strong, distinctive voice is packed with emotion and depth, placing her a cut above most other popular women in music.

The album opens with a rock tune about what one might consider a "PMS-like" outburst on *"Blame It on the Day."* This and other upbeat numbers on the album are worthy of playing at peak time at any dance club. Especially for those of us who find ourselves attending but dozing at many "women's music" performances, this album provides a refreshing stimulus. It is thrilling to hear energetic, danceable music contributions by a member of the woman's community. This album provides three spirited, high-energy, rock and roll songs, complete with rousing saxophone and jamming electric guitar. Another such song, replete with particularly interesting lyrics for those of us into "female-bonding," is *"The Girls All Dance"* ("...with each other"). "Summers End," which contains the lyrics from which the title of the album is drawn, is also an excellent rockin' tune.

For those of you who are fans of Fure's ballads and romantic love songs, don't fret, because perhaps her best yet in that genre is included on this album. *"Hold Me to Your Heart,"* exhibits Fure's characteristically creative lyrical imagery ("The walls come down/the faces change/ The clock moves forward/the gears engage/The station fades from the moving train, but love remains the same") as well as some beautiful harmonies and backup vocals by Cris Williamson. Other moving ballads include *"A Sign of Life," "It Could Have Been Close,"* and *"All We Know." "Wild Heart"* (the album's only song not written by Fure) is a catchy pop tune, and *"The Working Poor,"* a spirited country number. *"Against the Grain,"* about the plight of our country's farmers, is similarly musically tight and delivers it's message without heavy-handed pretention or preachiness.

"Time Turns the Moon," like Fure's two previous albums *("Terminal Hold"* and *"Edges of the Heart")* has that rare combination of spark, heart, tight musicianship, excellent production, arrangements, and creative range. I emphatically recommend this album to anyone with functional ears, as it is the best I have heard by any female vocalist since ... the last Tret Fure album!▼

Women in aggressive rock

by Joyce Bezaz
OF MGW STAFF

Precious Metal, as it's name implies, is a rarity: an all-woman heavy metal band based in Los Angeles. Their sound is reminiscent of early 70s rocker Suzie Quatro, although lead singer Leslie Knauer's vocals lack quatro's degree of gutsiness and range. Knauer's raspy delivery is usually adequate, however her voice lacks the resonance necessary to avoid shrillness when "screaming" lyrics. It is perhaps for this reason that the best cuts on this album (also titled *Precious Metal*) are the "softer" metal tunes, such as *Thrilling Life*, a cover of the Bruce Springsteen song *Tow Hearts*, and rock ballad *Forever Tonight*.

The opening song on the album, a remake of the soul tune *Mr. Big Stuff*, was included in the Robin Williams film *Cadillac Man*, but is not one of the better songs on the album. Most of the songs on this album are catchy hard rock tunes with hit potential. The band (consisting of Mara Fox, Janet Robin, Julia Farey, and Carol M. Control) is musically tight and skilled. Unlike many of their female contemporaries, Precious Metal contends in their press release that they are serious

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MGW PETS

Pet loss counseling

by Richard Sweetser, D.V.M.
OF MGW STAFF

When a loved pet dies, many of us feel a great loss, which can be overwhelming. This reaction is only natural. Often society doesn't offer a grieving pet owner a great deal of sympathy. Someone may comment, "It's only a cat; you can always get another one." Even though you have not lost a human friend or family member, you need as much support with the loss of a companion animal.

Veterinarians realize that their final obligation to their pet patients also involves dealing with the pet owner's grief. This does not mean that Veterinarians are trained psychologists and psychiatrists. It does mean that the Veterinarian understands your natural feeling of loss, and is able to offer support. If your Veterinarian seems distant, bear in mind that the death of a pet is stressful, even to professionals. Detachment is one way of coping.

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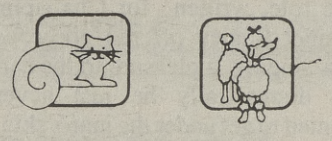
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MGW THE PSYCHIC REPORTER

ESP in the classroom

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.
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My professional career, and the work I love most, has emerged from a discontent with a society generally resistant to entertaining the non-physical aspects of consciousness. However, continuing new discoveries and research tools produced by brain\mind technology are shifting the scientific attitude towards a rigorous re-examination of phenomena that do not conform to prevailing definitions of reality. Just over a decade or so ago no real system of professional counseling existed to provide education, support and understanding for those individuals experiencing the powerful transformative crises brought on by the impact of psychic experience. To attempt to alleviate the anguish of experiencing psychic events in a culture in which they were not accepted as the natural expression of a healthy mind, I desperately searched for an explanation of my personal psychic experiences by educating myself about parapsychology and psychic research. I did not believe that my psychic ability was a "gift", nor that it was singularly unique in the larger human family. Indeed, scientific research suggests that psychic ability is equally distributed throughout a population. In the company of others with similar questions about the nature of mind in this universe I believed I could jointly discover a broader truth that could at least encompass the paranormal events that subjected me to a reality beyond that which the society of which I was a member provided me. It was in this spirit that I began developing a teaching method applicable to enhancing the emergence of psi phenomena individually and with groups at Kairos community center in the Summer of 1970. This pilot work led me to teach a class called, "Introduction to Parapsychology" as a directed project through the Community Services Department at American River College, Sacramento, in the Spring of 1971.

There is something wonderful to me about seeking adventures; adventures of a sort that pique the mind, tease the imagination, whet one's curiosity with the mystery of "what comes next." Yesterday, October 30, I had the delightful experience of being a speaker at American River College in Dr. Earnie Dahl's class in Abnormal Psychology. Fall was in the air. Liquid amber maples painted the campus with maroon, vermillion, gold and chartreuse colors; each five-pointed leaf was delicately veined in green, open-handed to whatever sun might reach it.

As I retraced my steps across campus, familiar steps of twenty years, my mind was flooded with so many memories.

For these many years, outside of my private practice and teaching, as time permits I have been a frequent presenter at all levels of education, from elementary to university classrooms here in Sacramento and state-wide. Within these forums I have shared information about parapsychology and education, demonstrated and practiced psychic skills, honed my intuitive abilities, and have participated with others in expanding awareness.

When working with parents of markedly psychic children, my objective has been to help them understand and guide their children`s natural psychic perceptions and aid them in using these experiences to improve self-esteem, creativity and problem-solving skills. When working with children, my objective has been to help them understand and preserve their natural psychic ability in a framework of responsibility, caring and personal strength; the child needs to integrate these experiences in a solid, BALANCED way in his/her everyday family and school life. I believe the child needs to be sensitive to a loving wisdom within, an internalized self-helper, a spiritual guidance that is supportive, non-judgmental and unconditionally loving.

Through education about Parapsychology and Psychical Research, teachers may be assisted in enhancing the natural intuitive paranormal talents of their students in an academic and trans-cultural framework that is respective of the childs' culture, family, and religious heritage.

Parapsychology was accepted by the National Academy of Sciences in 1971-72 and is a science that studies Psychic Phenomena. This inclusive term encompasses specific paranormal events such as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinesis. As a general definition, psychic phenomena are said to have occurred where information is passed to a physical system without the utilization of any known type of physical energy. A definition of PSI is: any resemblance between the objective record of an inferred organismic event and the objective record of an environmental event that has been linked conceptually in advance to the organismic event by an external observer, such that (a) the resemblance cannot be accounted for in terms of presently identifiable channels of information flow, and (b) the resemblance is strong enough that chance can be reasonably ruled out through the application of accepted mathematical procedures.

Now on this particular Fall day, in this particular classroom students had placed many articles on the desk in front of the podium where I stood. I had just selected an object for psychometry, held it in my hands, relaxed and said many things which were confirmed as true by the subject. Finally, I said, "I see linoleum, cracked linoleum, its peeling up...Now, I see cans of corn, ..`you're going to have to help me with this' I said, I don't know what this means". The man replied that he worked in some kind of a food warehouse, that he'd been complaining about not having any canned corn for two weeks, he had just been shipped 1000 lots of corn and in moving all this corn around on pallets the linoleum floor was all peeling up!

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MGW YOUTH

Parent/church partnership to address lesbian/gay youth suicide

Right-wing religious and political leaders who wave the banner of "traditional family values" are a major impediment to overcoming the teen suicide problem, according to a parent-church-educator coalition that announced a prevention program focused on gay and lesbian youth.

The project, "Respect All Youth," is being undertaken by the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, with financial assitance from the United Thank Offering Fund of the Episocpal Church.

Its principal function will be to develop and furnish training materials to those who work with youth.

Government studies show that lesbian and gay teenagers are up to three times as likely to attempt suicide as other young people, because of the stigma society places on them. Nevertheless, California Republican Congressman William Dannemeyer recently prevailed upon Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to disavow the studies in the interest of "traditional family values."

"We in Parents FLAG love and respect our gay and nongay children equally," Paulette Goodman, president of PFLAG said. We value the lives of all our children. It is tragic that many of us only learn of our child's homosexuality after a suicide attempt.

"One of the lessons learned in World War II is that it is evil to discriminate against any human being and to think that lives are expendable. America, land of the free, is no place for the bigotry and intolerance that perpetuate hatred and violence.

"Parents FLAG values the lives of all children. We strive to keep families in loving relationships. The conservative right wing does not have a monopoly on traditional

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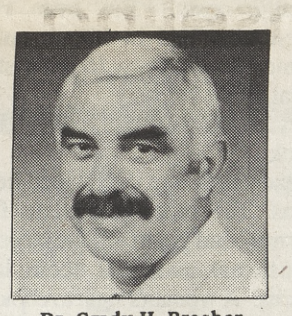
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Tea Schook:
Aim for the top

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

DENVER -- Tea Schook isn't biting her nails while counting votes in the Colorado governor's race this November. Nor is she hoping for a big win.

Instead, the first openly gay woman to run for governor in that state is checking returns at a local precinct, knowing she already achieved what she wanted.

This past spring, Schook, 35, became the first openly gay woman to run for governor in any state primary. She ran against Roy Romer, an incredibly popular Democratic incumbent, and one other man who joined the race at the last minute.

Like most politicians, Schook did want to win.

But the freelance magazine and television reporter who put in nearly 1,000 miles in three months criss-crossing the state with one campaign manager and four other volunteers knew that victory was a long shot.

A more practical -- and important -- goal was to make gay men and lesbians a visible part of the political process.

"We felt we had to do something within the Democratic party for gay and lesbian people," said Schook. "We wanted to have an impact."

Schook dropped out just prior to the primary. But before she bowed out, she gave the gay community a voice that people heard throughout the state.

As a result of being an openly gay candidate, Schook was able to say the phrase "gay and lesbian" over and over again at Democratic county meetings across the state as if it were "mom and pop."

Her campaign had a broad impact on politics throughout the Centennial state:

* Gays and lesbians had an open forum for the first time in Colorado political history.

* That legitimate forum gave them a chance to make mainstream voters aware of the justice of human rights.

Schook's candidacy also had more specific results:

* For the first time, an openly gay person nominated a gubernatorial candidate at the statewide party convention.

* A governor who had been openly hostile to people with AIDS changed his views of gay men and lesbians.

* The governor's office now sends people to workshops on pluralism -- which includes lesbian and gay awareness.

Schook also thinks that after the election, the governor will sign an executive order banning discrimination against gays.

Today, Schook knows that she aimed as high as she could and achieved what she set out to do. She also got a crash course in party politics in the process.

But nobody knew what would happen when the idea first came up nearly a year ago.

From the start, it was a game of psychological cat and mouse.

When someone at the local gay Democratic organization meeting first suggested they run a candidate for governor, even they thought the idea was crazy.

"We all laughed," said Schook.

They knew they couldn't win since the incumbent Roy Romer, had one of the highest popularity ratings of any governor in years.

But even entrenched officials have their Achilles heel.

Although Romer was incredibly popular with the mainstream, he had angered the gay community when he pushed a person with AIDS.

The gay political group wanted to make a statement -- and running against Romer was the perfect way to do it.

"We wanted to do something really pointed."

Even so, no one wanted to run.

"Everyone sat around with their hands on their feet."

Schook says she got the job because she was the only person who was completely out of the closet.

"I kept thinking it was probably going to be me because I had nothing to lose," said Schook.

But being a gay activist, Schook also had the background. She had worked in local Democratic politics for years. She also helped found the gay Democratic organization itself and the local chapter of ACT-UP. She also was the director of the Colorado Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

As it turned out, Schook not only had the credentials but the media savvy.

As a news anchor for a local gay TV program, Schook also had another all important quality in the world of modern politics -- a familiarity with television.

"I was able to come across impeccably in the 10-second sound bite TV allows."

Schook spent less than $200 on campaign costs. But from the moment she filed in March until the time she withdrew in June, she campaigned tirelessly.

"I went all over the state," said Schook.

At each stop, she introduced herself as "the other candidate for governor" and got to tell the largely heterosexual audience about her concerns: A woman's right to choice; the environmental impact of facilities such as the nuclear weapons manufacture at Rocky Flats testing station; and political rights for gays.

"I got to have this incredible forum."

Being the challenger on the campaign trail, Schook had another advantage. She got to speak before the incumbent.

Romer generally waited in the wings, listening to her speech and hearing about the issues from a gay point of view.

as the weeks went by, Schook says Romer's understanding of gays and lesbians began to change.

"Over time, I heard his speech move closer and closer to mine," said Schook.

When the primary finally dawned, Schook felt it was time to end her bid gracefully.

She already had seen big changes -- and she realized she could use her withdrawal speech for yet another first.

By waiting until the last minute to give her speech, she could stand at the podium of the statewide Democratic convention and nominate the incumbent.

"I had done what I set out to do," said Schook. "And I got to say 'I nominate our next governor of the state of Colorado, Roy Romer' to the cheers of the convention."

For Schook, being the first candidate for high office to use the "G" and "L" words publicly was enough.

"It was the first time in those parts those words had been said aloud," said Schook.

"The heterosexuals would either be quite perturbed by it or they wouldn't care."

For the 800 farmers and ranchers who came to the Democratic county assembly meeting held in the cattle showroom at the county fairgrounds in Henderson, it was a real shock.

"You could almost hear them mooing in the background," said Schook. Schook said it felt like watching a round-up -- and that she hoped they wouldn't stampede.

But for gay men and lesbians, the experience was completely different. Instead of arousing ancient fears and anxieties, those same words became an incredible source of pride.

"The gays and lesbians would look at me with such love, I was bowled over. That's what kept me going."

But the most important reward was something far less tangible. Schook was able to aim as high as she could -- at the very top.

"Some people asked why I was running -- I would say 'Because I could.'

When asked if she hopes to run again, Schook admits that she doesn't have any immediate plans. But she still has dreams of running for local office -- one she could actually win.

She thinks that electing an openly gay person to such an important office as governor is light years away.

"Heterosexuals put an awfully high financial premium on sexual orientation," said Schook.

But Schook knows gays do themselves an injustice if they don't aim high enough and don't take stands that show they are serious about themselves and their rights.

"The only way to change heterosexual culture is to get involved.

"If we don't take the next step, we hold ourselves back. We need to be a self-determining people."

Gay candidates ignored by media

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

DENVER -- When openly gay mayor, John Laird was first elected to office in Santa Cruz, California, he was swamped by the press.

But gay candidates run into the opposite problem: a complete blanket of silence from the mainstream media.

When Tea Schook ran for governor in the Colorado primary this past spring, even though she was the first openly gay candidate to make such a bid, the newspapers and television ignored her.

She had expected just the opposite: That a lesbian running for governor would be big news.

But it took a lone reporter to finally break the story and get some much-needed press coverage.

"The media didn't care until an Associated Press reporter saw an article in the gay press and asked himself why he didn't know about it."

Given her experience, what advice would Schook have for any other gay person running for office?

Schook says she would get the best media person she could to run the public relations end of her campaign.

"If I had it to do over, I would get ACT-UP as media tacticians," said School. "They really know how to get coverage."

School contends that getting the media coverage -- and the legitimacy that brings -- was the worst battle she faced.

"To them, I was a lesbian and a drag queen and a fag all rolled into one -- because that's the only image they have of us," said Schook.

Although Schook feels that she made important inroads with the heterosexual majority, being taken seriously by the populace still wasn't enough for the media.

"It's a heterosexually owned media that has a real interest in keeping out anything that doesn't fit."

Today, Schook knows you have to make contacts with the media prior to the campaign. And knowing the editor who makes decisions helps.

But starting at the bottom -- with the reporter on the political beat -- can work just as well.

"You've got to make friends of certain reporters," said Schook.

The reporters usually come up with story ideas -- and figuring out a way to keep reader interest while adding one or two new developments to the same story day after day is one of their biggest headaches.

By looking at a story from a gay perspective, you can give them a way to solve this ongoing problem.

"You can tell them there's this other angle -- reporters are always looking for another way to cover the story."

Schook also says there are ways to get mainstream media coverage even if you don't know anyone. One of the best is to take advantage of a reporter's expertise.

"You can ask for their advice on how to get coverage."

Schook feels that reporters may not help you that day but they won't forget someone who "strokes their ego!"▼

Dell Richards is a freelance journalist whose book, Lesbian Lists, is available nationwide.▼

GLAAD/USA launched

Representatives from Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation chapters around the country met in Los Angeles October 6-7, and reached an agreement to form a national federation to be called GLAAD/USA. During the meeting, which included voting representatives from Baltimore, Los Angeles, National Capital Area, New York, and the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as observers from Orange County, Sacramento and Santa Cruz, resolutions were adopted on a national mission statement, an interim national governing body and plans to hold a convention of GLAAD delegates within the next 18 months to elect a national board of directors.

The following mission statement was adopted: "The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/USA is a diverse group dedicated to confronting public expressions of homophobia or heterosexism, and to promoting the fullest possible understanding of the breadth and diversity of our lives."

Richard Jennings, executive director of GLAAD's Los Angeles chapter, which hosted the meeting, announced that the representatives authorized the interim governing body, the GLAAD/USA Steering Committee, to: develop governing procedures; oversee national programs and fundraising; build coalitions with other organizations and to coordinate the development of existing and new chapters.

Craig Davidson, formerly executive director of the New York chapter of GLAAD, agreed to serve as special consultant to the GLAAD/USA Steering Committee. According to Davidson, "The formation of GLAAD/USA represents a major achievement for the lesbian and gay community: I believe we have hit upon a structure that preserves the local autonomy needed to have an impact on local media while, at the same time, ensuring the coordination that is necessary in dealing effectively with the national media." The next meeting of the entire Steering Committee will be held on January 19-20 in New York City.

Founding in 1985, GLAAD is the only organization dedicated primarily to countering stereotypes and misinformation about lesbians and gay men. GLAAD pursues these goals by organizing grass roots responses to public expressions of bigotry and by working with the media to promote accurate coverage of issues that concern the lesbian and gay community. GLAAD's 80-page *Media Guide to the Lesbian and Gay Community*, the product of over two year's work, is currently being distributed to media outlets nationwide.▼

Media watch from GLAAD

MarshaWarfield

NBC's weekly morning talk-show host Marsha Warfield (the bailiff on *Night Court*) devoted her September 19 program to homosexuality. However, she asked questions based on stereotypes and cliches such as: "Should a child's sexual preference determine a parent's love?" "Do you think you can change a child's sexuality?" and "Would you discourage your child's homosexuality because of the pain they might have later in life?" She did not invite a single lesbian or gay guest to join her on the show.

When GLAAD contacted Warfield's office, staff first claimed the show hadn't been about homosexuality. When GLAAD quoted from the show, staff then explained that there were no lesbian or gay guests because they prefer not to have a "panel of experts, like all other talk shows." (We've discovered that they recently did a show on African-American vets with African-American vets as guests.) When GLAAD explained that the show reinforced myths and stereotypes that could only be corrected by a follow-up show with openly gay guests, staff asked that the request be put in writing.

Send a letter to Marsha Warfield and her producer Richard S. Kline, *Marsha Warfield Show*, NBC Studios, 7800 Beverly Blvd., #3355, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Send a copy to Robert Wright, President and CEO and Robert Blockmore, Executive Vice President, NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112.▼

Men at Work

Producer/Director/Star Emilio Estevez saw fit to include a running anti-gay gag in his new movie, *Men attWork*. Estevez' character and his buddies strip two men down to their shorts and tie them together, one behind the other, in a playground. Afterwards, one of Estevez' buddies says "they look pretty sweet to me." Later the female lead discovers the two men and groans with disgust. Finally, a dog urinates on them. Throughout, the men appear humiliated. They repeat "it's not what it looks like."

Write to: Emilio Estevez, c/o Epic Productions, 3330 W. Cahuenga Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90068.▼

Wild at Heart, part 2

Responding to an earlier protest regarding Nicholas Cage's line, "What do you faggots want," delivered to a gang of thugs in David Lynch's *Wild at Heart*, Steve Golin, film producer, claims "I didn't realize the word 'faggot' was derogatory. It's just a term that's in our vocabulary. The film doesn't depict gay people in a negative context."

Write to Mr. Steve Golin, Propaganda Films, 940 N. Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038, or phone 213-462-6400.▼

Chronicle, Examiner

The *San Francisco Examiner* ran a powerful editorial on the General Motors promotional video in which a Japanese vehicle was called "that littled faggot truck." Says the *Examiner*, "Boycott their big macho trucks. Japanese trucks work better anyway, and you don't have to wipe the slime off the door handles." Write to: Ralph Kramer, Director of Public Relations, Chevrolet Motor Division, 30007 Van Dyke Ave., Warren, MI 48090.

The *Chronicle* ran an article, with a photo, on October 11 for National Coming Out Day. Openly gay reporter David Tuller featured the Queer Nation activities at S.F. State.

On Saturday, October 30, the *Chronicle* published a thoughtful column on Domestic Partners (by the Dean of Grace Cathedral), saying that family institutions would be strengthened by including lesbians and gays. It appeared in the *Open Forum*, a space often reserved for opinions the paper wants to keep at arm's length from its own.▼

Workshop set for gay and lesbian couples

"Getting the Love You Want," a workshop for gay and lesbian couples based on the book of the same name by Harville Hendrix, is being offered in Sacramento for the first time.

Whether attending to enrich a good relationship or to determine what happened in a difficult relationship and whether to save it, couples learn and practice powerful communication skills so as to assert wants, needs and feelings effectively, resolve conflicts readily, enhance empathy, intimacy and to heal "childhood wounds."

The workshop will be at River City Metropolitan Community Church (Nov. 30 evening and December 1-2 all day). The presenters will be Bruce Wood, a licensed psychotherapist in New York and certified Imago Relationship Therapist; Maya Kollman, also a licensed psychotherapist and certified Imago Relationship Therapist although in New Jersey; and Barbara Bingham, Maya's lover. These dynamic and sensitive workshop presenters have given the workshop several times on the east coast with Maya and Barbara being able to model Imago relationship skills. For information, call the local coordinator, Gaya Erlandson, Ph.D., at 457-3343.▼

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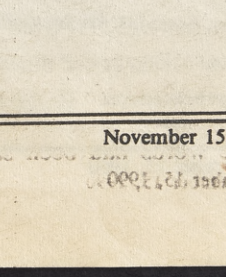

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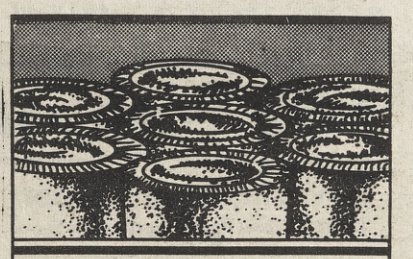

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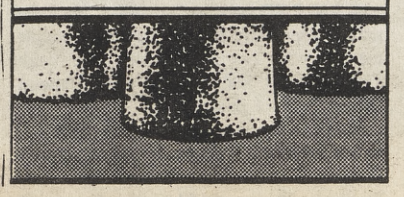

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The irony of it all...

Smoking, drinking, and taking drugs -- which may be a way to escape, at least for a while, from the fact that you have HIV disease -- are being shown more and more to be just the things that should NOT be done because they drastically cut years off your life expectancy. It's thought that a large percentage of people will carry the HIV virus in their bodies for as much as a decade or more before the onset of the infections or diseases that eventually come. Discovery of numerous medications has allowed the treatment of many of these illnesses, giving people a fair shot at being around when truly successful, treatments are discovered. In the early 1980s, for instance, thousands of people perished almost immediately from their first bout with pneyumocystis, but recent discoveries have taken this infection off the top of the "worst killer" list in infomred communities. And now we're facing a new threat: dealing with it. Recent studies have confirmed that smokers are twice as likely to develop AIDS or even die during a four and a half year period (twice as fast as non-smokers), that the HIV virus grows three times faster in testtubes laced with cocaine, and that heavy drinkers are much more likely to have unsafe sex, to the extreme detriment of both themselves and their partners. Cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs severely depress the immune system. It's not yet been discovered why, only that it absolutely does. Of the three, contrary to popular belief, smoking is the worst because it severely damages the lungs as well as T-cells. The irony of it all is that it's easy to justify "getting away from it all" sometimes, taking yourself into a stupor where HIV doesn't exist, or having that cigarette when you want it. But remember the bottom line: you must still be here in order to benefit from upcoming treatments. And it's critical that you love yourself enough to make this happen. The good part is that you don't have to do any of this alone. Reach out! Research the programs, information, and support groups in town that can help you get control of these old (or new) habits. And the REALLY good part is that you'll make friends as you've never had before, and find love and hope that you may have thought was forever lost to you.

Stop smoking clinic...

(Funny we should mention this...) CARES, at 2710 Capitol Avenue, is starting a 7-week quit-smoking program, Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8. Give them a call, and make a hard effort to get smoking out of your life. Also at CARES on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7-9pm, is a program on "Legal and Insurances Issues and HIV" presented by the AIDS Legal Referral Panel, which provides up to $100 in services to Sacramentans with AIDS at no charge (powers of attorney, living wills, other.)

More on dementia...

In an effort to ease the fear that comes with knowing that nearly half of those with AIDS may develop some degree of dementia, Eric Jazmen of San Francisco, who has been fighting ADC (AIDS Dementia Complex) for the past couple of years, has made a video for both people with AIDS and the significant people in their lives about his battle with dementia. Last year when he suffered a mild brain seizure and was taken to the hospital, he was placed in restraints in the psychiatric ward because, he feels, of the staff's misunderstanding of the word "dementia." When his roommate (and legal guardian) arrived, no one would tell him were Eric had been taken. These are the sorts of indignities he is now dedicating his life to fighting. He appeared on a television program to discuss ADC, but the show was severely edited. Although he had no prior experience with video, and no funds other than his Social Security checks, he obtained the unedited tape and produced *I Still Am.* Several states are now using the videotapes as an educational tool. To obtain a copy of *I Still Am*, send $30 + $6 for tax and shipping to Eric at 2404 California Street, #26, San Francisco, CA 94115, or call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (at 1900 K Street, 448-2437) and set up a time to see the copy in their video library. (Eric also has wonderful T-shirts for people living with AIDS that say "I still am!" -- $18 + $2 shipping.)

The search for a vaccine...

Paris researchers looking for a vaccine to inoculate HIV-negative people against the AIDS virus were disappointed when a chimpanzee that had remained virus-free for eight months after inoculation recently tested positive. But in a similar trial being run by Genentech in California, five chimps have remained virus free with a different vaccine prototype for 13 months. And the pharmaceutical company Merck and Company also has five chimps who are still virus free after being inoculated with live virus in 1988.

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More specifics about saliva...

Recent studies have confirmed what many physicians have thought to be true all along: that unprotected oral receptive sex (fellatio) with an HIV-positive man is a high-risk behavior. The results invalidate the previous belief by some that the acid and enzymes in saliva may be strong enough to kill the virus before the semen can enter any abrasions in the mouth or throat. However, it is still thought to be highly unlikely (but not impossible) to transmit the virus through biting (even bites that draw blood), french (wet) kissing, and splashing blood.

Boxing...

An agenda item at the annual World Boxing Association conference is prevention of the spread of HIV between boxers, who are often BOTH cut and bleeding. Boxing injuries are often severe, perhaps sometimes taking blood exchange out of the "highly unlikely" category mentioned above for splashed blood.

Blood transfusion danger nearly gone...

The Centers for Disease Control says that of the 20 million people who've received blood transfusions since 1985 (when it became known that HIV was transmitted by blood and extensive safety testing began), fewer than a dozen have been infected with HIV by contaminated blood. One such person in Seattle who contracted AIDS in this manner was recently awarded nearly $2 million, despite the fact she received the tainted blood PRIOR to this knowledge that came to light in 1985.

Giving blood and high-risk behavior...

The Social Security Administration says it's concerned about federal government plans to use Social Security and IRS tax records to track down and notify blood donors who test positive for HIV. This is NOT the way people want to find out they're positive. Worse yet, this method could take from them that critical time, sometimes up to a decade, when they can get their insurance and other affairs in order before medical records need to be kept on them. If you engage in high-risk behaviors, and you want to be a blood donor, KNOW YOUR HIV STATUS before you go -- and find it out from anonymous testing sites. If you test positive, you will be counseled about what to do next.

L.A. takes strong stand against AIDS...

The Los Angeles city council recently passed a comprehensive policy that declares AIDS "a natural disaster and a global emergency," and reaffirms the city's unwavering commitment to stand by people living with AIDS. The policy's prevention plans include condoms and needle-exchange kits, a reversal of previous policies for such measures.

The new budget...

House and Senate negotiators have agreed to spend $226 million on AIDS legislation intended to provide emergency relief to cities hardest hit by the disease, and to pay for care for people just beginning to show signs of illness. (Most federal efforts to date were aimed at prevention, and not at care for those already fighting HIV disease.) The figure, unfortunately, is far below the $875 million "authorized" when Congress enacted the Ryan White emergency act this summer. Of the $226 million, about half goes to existing programs, and half to "disaster relief" in about a dozen cities across the nation (including San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego) being hardest hit by AIDS (defined as having at least 25 cases of AIDS for every 10,000 people).

Testing newborns...

Tests on blood of newborns in Ontario, Canada, are showing that HIV is three times more prevalent than they had thought, with 3.1 out of every 10,000 testing positive. The Pennsylvania Department of Health is planning to conduct HIV tests, without parents' consent, on blood samples of about 50,000 newborns in that state. This random test is part of a federal study to measure the extent of the virus in the general population.

More cases...

Because of the growing number of cases in children, the World Health Organization has raised its projection of the total number of people expected to be infected with HIV within the next nine years to 25-30 million. Their previous projections were that 15-20 million would be infected, but these figures were for adults only. About 90 percent of the 400,000 cases of AIDS in children under age five have occurred in Africa. Of the 10 million or more children expected to be infected within the next nine years, most will have died by the turn of the century, making pediatric AIDS the leading cause of death among children in some nations.

The Romanian fiasco...

Two months ago, Romanian researchers began injecting 100 orphans with FLV-23A, a drug unknown even to leading AIDS research groups. Most of the children in the "trial" live in government institutions, where they were abandoned by parents who couldn't afford to raise them because Romanian dictator Ceausescu, executed last December, had forbidden Romanians to use birth control or have abortions. By the time Ceausescu's regime was toppled, Romania's health system was faced with 100,000 orphans, hundreds of whom had HIV. With no money to purchase AZT, Romania has simply had to watch them die. Nearly five children die every day at the state hospital, which became the test site for FLV-23A, brought to that country by British doctor David Hughes. Despite the lack of other alternatives, a number of Romanian groups protested using the children this way, but the tests continued. It's recently come to light that Davis Hughes isn't a doctor at all, and that he knew all along that the drug was worthless.

New immigration policy approved...

The House and Senate have revised the nation's immigration policy, developed during the 1950s, easing restrictions on entry into the U.S. for "classes" of people, including communists, homosexuals, and people living with AIDS. When the law goes into effect in 1992, it will authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to remove AIDS from the list of diseases for which a visitor may be excluded from the U.S.

Trials info...

A computer-based service with information on federally and privately sponsored clinical trials of AIDS-related drugs is accessible through a Public Health Service toll-free line at 1-800-TRIALS-A. Call Monday thru Friday, 6am to 4pm.

Oral alpha interferon...

Two recent studies on Kemron (alpha interferon taken in low doses by mouth and absorbed through the soft tissues of the mouth and throat), which has been coming into this country through underground channels, are showing that the drug appears to have "no profound effect" on people living with AIDS. Kenya, Africa, officials said in February of this year that the powdered form of interferon not only depressed symptoms of AIDS in some people, but actually removed all signs of HIV in eight out of 101 people studied. A community-based research group in Los Angeles reports that the drug had no effect on 167 people they've studied. A subsequent study by the World Health Organization also found the drug to be relatively ineffective. To complicate matters, however, a study by Dr. Wilbert Jordan, a member of the Los Angeles commission on AIDS and an infectious disease specialist, indicates he's seen slightly more encouraging results in 37 out of 40 people in his study.

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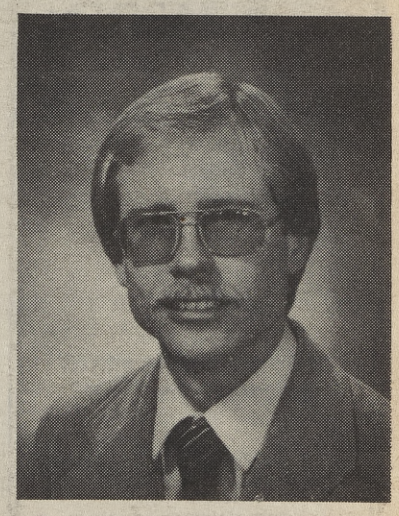

David Michael Reeder, residing in Sacramento since 1984, died Saturday, November 3.

Born in Mesa, Arizona on April 6, 1952, David graduated of Mesa Westwood High School in 1969. Attending Northern Arizona University for two years before graduating from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, he had several internships with the Washington State legislature.

After graduation, David worked for the State of Washington for two years. In 1981, David moved to Phoenix to work for the Boy Scouts of America as a scouting executive, transferring to Sacramento in 1984.

David was an articulate, intelligent man who loved life and lived it fully. He loved nature, especially his two cats, and people, especially his two godchildren. He fought against losing his mobility and independence during the past year.

David is survived by his father, Philip A. Reeder of Mesa, Arizona, brother Richard J. Reeder of Scottsdale, Arizona, and sister Phyllis A. Phelps of Milwaukie, Oregon.▼

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►**American River College,** Jazz Choir Invitational, 8pm, American River College Theater, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8433.

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Channel 63, 9pm.

►**Legislative Hearing deadline.** Anonymous or signed testimony about gay/lesbian discrimination, LIFE AIDS Lobby, 926 J St., Ste. 1020, Sac., 95814, 444-0424 for info.

►**Ranch Romance,** Palms Playhouse, 726 Drummond, Davis. For time and ticket info call 756-8502.

►**Discussion,** Abortion: A Woman's Right to Choose. California Suite, University Union, 1:10-2:25pm, 278-7388, 278-4444.

16 Friday

►**Valley Knights Dinner,** 7:30pm, Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 371-2284.

►**Country Western Dance,** MCC, 2741 34th St., 454-4762, free.

►**Chocolate Party,** 7pm, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, Ste. 11. RSVP, 456-5685.

►**Holly Near,** fundraiser for People Against Racism, 8pm, Willits, 707-485-7062.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** see Oct. 9.

►**Cathy Fink and Mary Marxer,** Party Palace, 2601 Claybank Rd., Fairfield, 8pm, $9; 415-285-0339.

17 Saturday

►**Sacramento Leather Association Contest,** Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

►**Compassion in Fashion,** fashion show, 4:30pm, $5/$12; Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, 119 Scripps Dr., 731-5521.

►**Monte Carlo Nite,** 7pm-10:30pm, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, at Marconi Harbor Bar & Grill, 3514 Marconi, $20; 456-5685.

►**Holly Near,** fundraiser for HSU Women's Center, 8pm, Arcata, 707-826-4216.

►**Camellia Symphony Orchestra,** Opening Night Concert with Nan Washburn, 8pm, Hiram Johnson Auditorium, 65th St. at 14th Ave., 344-5844.

►**Family Workshop,** Wheeled Wooden Toys, 10am-1pm, Crocker Art Museum, preregistration required by October 31. 449-5423 for more info.

►**Sacramento Symphony,,** Michael Neumann, conductor, Eric Achen, French horn; Roseville, 8pm, 649-0200, BASS Tickets.

►**Compassion in Fashion,** animal free, cruelty free clothing and products; Rio Del Oro Racquet Club, 119 Scripps Dr., hors d'oeuvres 5pm, fashion show 6pm, $12 adults, $5 children; 731-5521, 652-9259.

18 Sunday

►**Golden State Rodeo Association,** Bar night, The Corral, 2140 Market St., S.F. Hotline 415-863-4487.

►**"Sister in the Name of Love,"** Grand Duchess XI Racine, Grand Duke Gene and CGNIE, Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

►**Pre-Holiday Lunch,** Mayor Anne Rudin, guest speaker; Sacramento Area Career Women's Network, Santa Fe Inn, 2600 Auburn Blvd., 482-4770.

►**Metaphysical Reading Festival & Faire,** 12-5pm, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, Ste. 11, free. 456-5685 or 489-7503.

►**Book Club Meeting,** "The Chalice and The Blade," Gretchen, 922-6287.

19 Monday

►**Behavioral Changes & Self-Esteem,** Sacramento Mental Health Assn., 456-2070.

►**CAP/PAC Forum on Activism,** Town House, 1517 21st St., 5:30pm; 920-9587.

►**Nutrition & Your Health,** SAF, 1900 K St., 2nd floor, 448-2437.

20 Tuesday

►**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meeting,** 7:30pm, Christian Education Bldg., St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way.

►**Workshop Series continues,** RSVP Improv Comedy Theatre, 4623 T St., Sac, 7:30-10pm, 442-RSVP

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Channel 63, 10pm.

►**Ballroom & Western Dance Classes,** 5 week course for gay community. John Batchelor 453-8991.

22 Thursday

►**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

►**Traditional Thanksgiving Buffet,** 3-7pm, $5, Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

►**Thanksgiving Dinner,** 2pm, MCC, 2741 34th St., 454-4762.

►**Self-Defense,** GLAS/CSUS Weekly meet, 8:30pm-10pm, Calif. Suite CSUS, 441-7305, 456-3469; $40.

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Channel 63, 9pm.

23 Friday

►**Country Western Dance,** MCC, 2741 34th St., 454-4762.

►**Sixth Annual Dixon Christmas Faire,** Dixon Fairgrounds, 655 S. First Street, Dixon, 678-5529, thru Sunday.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Carter Nice, conductor, Elmar Oliveira, violin; Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts., 649-0200, BASS Tickets.

24 Saturday

►**"Do-Cats", Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.**

►**Sacramento Gender Association Dinner,** 8pm, Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., 649-9248.

►**Heartsong Concert,** MCC, 2741 34th St., free; 454-4762.

25 Sunday

►**Davis Over 30 Group,** 4-8pm. Francine, 753-8127; Chris, 758-0879.

26 Monday

►**Assertion — How Can I Tell Who I Am?,** Sacramento Mental Health Association, 456-2070.

►**Sacramento Symphony** Carter Nice, conductor, Eric Achen, French horn, 8:15pm, Angels Camp, 649-0200, BASS Tickets.

27 Tuesday

►**How to Use and Discover Your Psychic Abilities,** The Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way, St. 11. Registration required, $20; 456-5685.

►**Investment Counseling, Planning Your Future,** Aerial, 452-5503.

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Channel 63, 10pm.

►**Workshop Series continues,** RSVP Improv Theatre, 4623 T St., 7:30-10pm, 442-RSVP.

28 Wednesday

►**What Is Your Karma and How to Release It,** The Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 2755 Cottage Way., Ste. 11. Pre-registration required, $20; 456-5685.

29 Thursday

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Channel 63, 9pm.

►**Co-Dependency Workshop,** Deborah Otten, MFCC. Forest Suite, University Union, 10:30-11:30am, 278-7388, 278-4444.

30 Friday

►**Bridge Game,** Joyce, 676-4317.

►**Getting the Love You Want,** a couples workshop for gays & lesbians. Registration required, $500; 648-0128.

►**Country Western Dance,** MCC, 2741 34th St., 454-4762.

►**B.T. Collins 50th Birthday,** WEAVE, 7:30-11:30pm, St. Ignatius Social Hall, 3235 Arden Way., 685-7832.

►**Sacramento Symphony Pops,** Newton Wayland, conductor, "Hooray for Hollywood," 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts., 649-0200.

December

1 Saturday

►**Sacramento Symphony Pops,** Newton Wayland, conductor, "Hooray for Hollywood," 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts., 649-0200.

►**Pet photos with Santa,** benefit for Sac SPCA, 6201 Florin-Perkins Rd., 11am-2pm, $13.

2 Sunday

►**Pet photos with Santa,** see Dec. 1.

3 Monday

►**Midtown Business Association Holiday Dinner,** *6pm, $15-$17.50. Town House, 1517 21st St.*

5 Wednesday

►**Orchestra/Choir,** American River College Theater, 4700 College Oak Dr., 8pm, 484-8433.

6 Thursday

►**Update on HIV Treatments,** 7-9pm, SAF, 1900 K, 2nd floor; 448-2437.

7 Friday

►**Future of SAF Services,** 6-8pm, SAF, 1900 K, 2nd floor, 448-2437.

8 Saturday

►**Jingle Bell Jam,** Music by Joey; 9pm-2am, Shangri-La, 6339 Mack Rd., $5 cover charge; 427-5713.

►**Christmaster,** Leland Stanford Mansion, noon-4pm, 8th & N sts., 324-0575.

►**Annual Holiday Party,** Camping Women Trails San Joaquin Valley. For info call 209-897-2852.

9 Sunday

►**Bill of Rights Celebration,** ACLU, 4pm, $8-$15; 415-621-2493.

►**Symphonic Band,** "Sing a Song of Joy," American River College Theater, 4700 College Oak Dr., 8pm, 484-8433.

►**Annual Holiday Party,** Camping Women Trails San Joaquin Valley. For info call 209-897-2852.

►**Bed & Breakfast Tour,** Amador County. Benefits Hospice of Amador, tickets $10. For info send self-addressed stamped envelope to TOUR, 1407 Jackson Gate Rd., Jackson, 95642 or call 209-223-3650.

10 Monday

►**Psychological Impact of AIDS on Uninfected Gay and Bisexual Men,** 7-9pm, SAF, 1900 K, 2nd floor; 448-2437.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Sing-Along Messiah, Carter Nice, conductor, 7:30pm, Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts., 649-0200.

11 Tuesday

►**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays Rap Session,** 7:30pm, St. Marks Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way.

►**Choral Holiday Concert,** American River College Theatre, 4700 College Oak Dr., 8pm, 484-8433.

12 Wednesday

►**National Organization for Women,** December chapter meeting and holiday party, 7-9pm, 1703 H St., 443-3470.

►**Music Department Concert,** American River College Theatre, 4700 College Oak Dr., noon, 484-8433.

13 Thursday

►**Instrumental Holiday Concert,** American River College Theater, 4700 College Oak Dr., 8pm, 484-8433.

14 Friday

►**Old Sacramento Holiday Festival,** thru Dec. 16. For info call 443-7815.

15 Saturday

►**Free household hazardous waste disposal** City & County of Sacramento, 9am-1pm at 21st & W sts. 368-6160 or 449-5757.

►**Snow White Champagne Ball,** 8pm, Lincoln Plaza Atrium, $35 advance, $45 at the door; 441-6397 for more info.

Art Galleries

thru Nov. 15 — Diego Rivera Drawings: Mexico & California, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

thru Nov. 24 — Himovitz Gallery, metal sculpture, pastels on paper, 1020 9th St, 448-8723; artist's reception Sat. Nov. 3 6:30-8:30pm.

thru Nov. 30 — Spacial Relations, exhibition by Katherine Kruczek, 8x14 Gallery at Dito, 1729 L St.; artist's reception Nov. 10 7-9pm, 441-DITO.

thru Dec. — Dexter Smith, 544 Downtown Plaza, Sat.-Wed. 12-4pm, 441-5494, 371-1725.

thru Dec. — Nathaniel Clark, paintings and etchings, Keith Yates, 2440 Fulton Ave., 485-6700.

thru Dec. 1 — group show, mixed media, Lite Rail Gallery, 918 12th St.; reception Nov. 3, 6-9pm.

thru Dec. 2 — Edward Weston: Idols Behind Altars, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

thru Dec. 8 — Dexter Smith, Lite Rail Gallery, 4467 Granite Dr., Rocklin, 441-1013; artist's reception Sat. Nov. 17.

thru Dec. 8 — Tree Totems by Virginia Appert, reception Sat. Nov. 10 7-9pm, 452-0949.

thru Dec. 9 — Yokohama, Prints of the City's Early History, Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, S.F. 415-751-2500.

thru Dec. 22 — Robert Else, recent paintings; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., 448-8723.

thru Dec. 31 — Clay Vessels by James Lavera, The Himovitz Gallery, Pavilions, 550 Pavilions Lane, 925-5917, M-Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 12-5pm.

thru Dec. 31 — the works of Penina Meisels, Michael Himovitz, Maria Guilhermina, Jeffrey Margolin, Himovitz Gallery/Pavilions, 550 Pavilions Lane, M-S 10am-6pm, Sun. 12-5pm, 925-5917.

Theater

Available for tour bookings in No. Calif. thru 1991 — *Get Real,* a play about kids, choices & well-being; target audience grades 4-6; (415) 861-4914 (presented by the New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co. of SF and the Federal Centers for Disease Control)

Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, S.F.; (415) 956-4781.

thru Nov. 18 — CSUS Theatre Arts Dept. presents three Megan Terry plays, CSUS, 6000 J St., 278-6604 for info. Thurs.-Sat. 8pm, Sunday matinee 2:30pm; $6 general, $4 student/alumni/SARTA members.

thru Nov. 24 — *Nobler in the Mind,* The Show Below, 2130 L St., 8pm Thurs.-Sat., 2:30pm Sun. matinee. Call 446-2787 for more info.

thru Nov. 18 — *Heartbreak House,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 443-6722.

thru Nov. 24 — *Nobler in the Mind,* The Show Below, 446-2787.

thru Dec. 2 — *Requiem for a Heavyweight,* 5323 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-7529.

thru Dec.9 — *Juan Darien,* Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., S.F., 8pm.

thru Dec. 9 — *Shadow of a Man,* Eureka Theatre Co, 2730 16th St. at Harrison, S.F.; W-Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm; (415) 558-9898.

thru Dec. 15 — *Picture Me,* Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St, S.F.; Wed-Sun 8pm; (415) 861-5079.

Nov. 15-17 — *She Loves Me,* Davis Comic Opera Co., Veterans Memorial Theater, 14th & B, Davis, 1-758-3262.

Nov. 15-18 — CSUS Theatre Arts Dept., *Ex-Miss Copper Queen on a Set of Pills,* 278-6604, University Theatre.

Nov. 16, 18, 19 — *The Gypsy Baron,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.

Nov. 16-Jan. 5, 1991 — *Crazy Rhythms,* Tunes from the Jazz Age through Swing, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., R C 985-6361.

Nov. 23-Dec. 8 — *East of the Sun & West of the Moon,* by Mary Carroll, 7:30pm, Ca Original Theatre Company, 35th & Bro 456-2861.

Nov. 23-Dec. 22 — *Midsummer Nights* 24th St. Theatre, Sierra II, 2791 24th S 446-3024.

Nov. 23-Dec. 30 — *Scrooge,* Delta King, Front St., call 444-KING.

Nov. 29-Dec. 8 — CSUS Theatre Arts Dept *Changeling,* University Theatre CSUS, 27

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stealing the coin boxes. This is untrue. We placed stickers to the clear plastic fronts of the newspaper racks. No property was damaged or stolen during our action.

The *Union* has continued to disseminate misinformation. Therefore, a decision was made to repeat our action this past Sunday morning, November 4, 1990. We again affixed stickers to the front of 100 *Union* newspaper racks.

ACT UP is a diverse, non-partisan group united in anger and committed to direct action against people and organizations who misrepresent the facts to the public regarding HIV/AIDS and related issues.

Jac O'Casey
Connie Garver
ACT UP/Sacramento

Metal

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rock musicians and not "phony kewpie dolls." Lyrically, however, the album is artless and void of meaning beyond sex, partying and rock and roll (i.e. -- from *In the Mood,* "...I'm in the mood to fool around, down dirty and on the ground.") The band, like most heavy metal musicians, however, does not pretend to deliver any deep messages, as their aim is mainly to entertain. *Downhill Dreamer,* the only semi-message song on the album, is an oblique reference to the negative intentions of drug dealers.

Overall, this is a good, musically consistent album. If you are a fan of heavy metal music, you will appreciate the aggressive energy of Precious Metal.▼

Youth

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family values."

Goodman said the project will alert youth counselors, school administrators, and church educators of what needs to be done to "counteract the devastating effect of society's anti-gay attitudes toward our children."

Speaking strongly in support of the Parents FLAG announcement were The Right Reverend Oliver Bailey Garver, Jr., Suffragen Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles; and Jackie Goldberg, president of the Los Angeles City School Board. Goldberg's district undertook the first program in the nation to initiate counseling for gay and lesbian high school students.

Also endorsing the program were Virginia Uribe, director of Project 10; and Mary Griffith, a mother whose son died because of her earlier misguided religious beliefs and lack of information.

Griffith, a Northern California mother of four, said that her gay son, at her urging, resorted to prayer and "reparative" therapy with religious counselors in the vain attempt to become heterosexual. At the age of 20, convinced that he was evil in the eyes of God, he threw himself off an overpass and into the path of an 18-wheel semi-trailer.

It would not have happened, she is now convinced, if there had been programs at school and elsewhere that "could have offset what he was told by me at home and by others in our church."

Griffith is now president of the Mount Diablo, California, chapter of Parents FLAG. Her object, she said, is to help other parents avoid the tragedy that befell her family.▼